From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Tuesday, September 10, 2013 1:58 PM

To:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Newton, Caroline; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 278 Brooklyn smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 1:22 PM

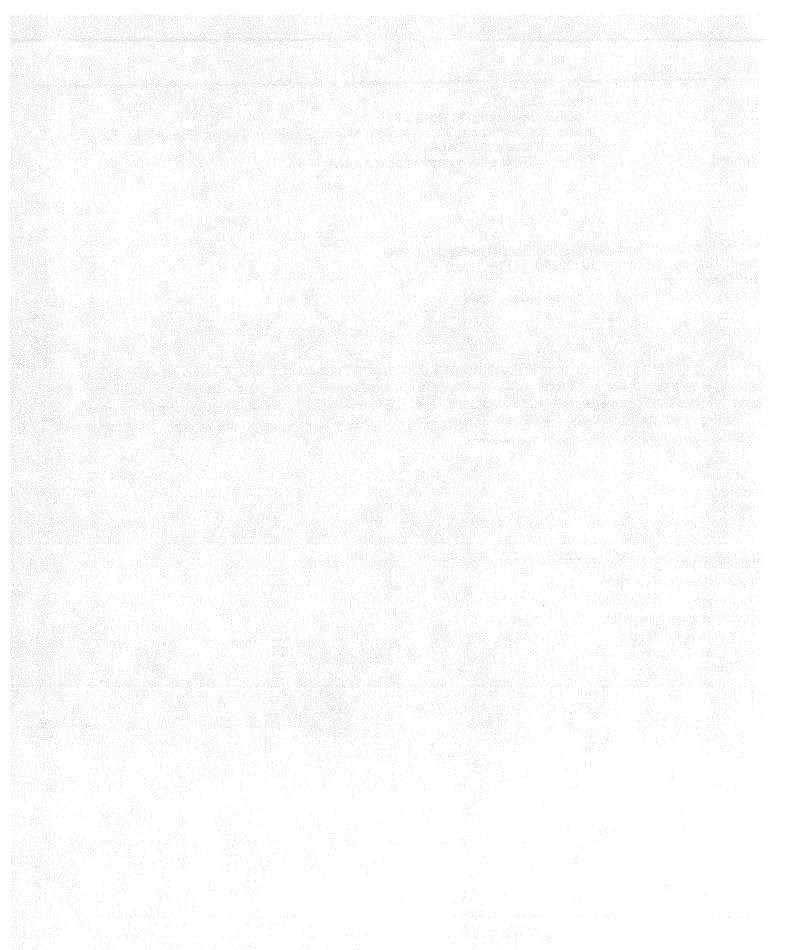
To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 278 Brooklyn smoking ballast incident

John:

P.S. 278 located at 1925 Stuart Street in Brooklyn had a visibly smoking ballast in room 209 earlier today 9/10. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect/remove the fixture tomorrow. They will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. Wipe samples will be taken as well. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards, Phil



From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Tuesday, September 10, 2013 9:14 AM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Newton, Caroline; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 185 Queens smoking ballast incident

Third reported ballast incident at P.S. 185 in Queens.

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.qov]

Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 9:12 AM

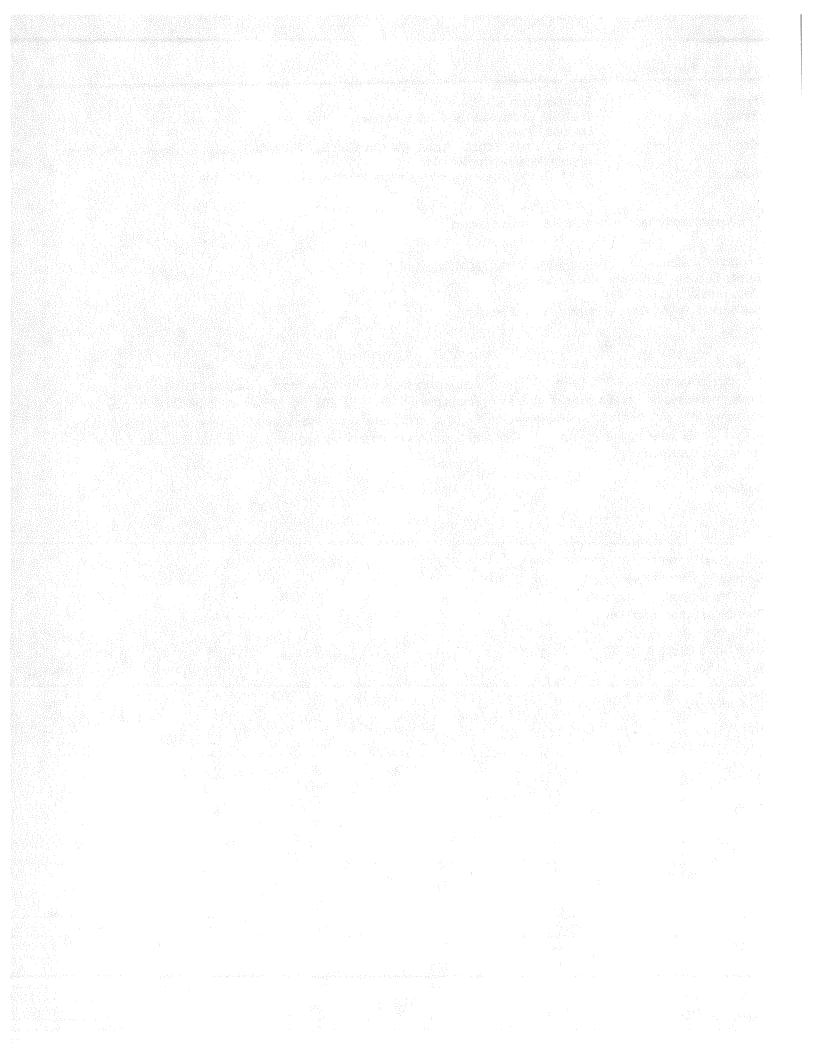
To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 185 Queens smoking ballast incident

John:

P.S. 185 located at 147-26 25 Drive in Queens had a visibly smoking ballast in room 203 today 9/10. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. Fixture removal and wipe samples will happen tonight. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards Phil



From: Gorman, John

Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 8:54 AM

To: LaPosta, Dore

Cc: Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Newton, Caroline; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject: FW: P.S. 161 Bronx smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 8:52 AM

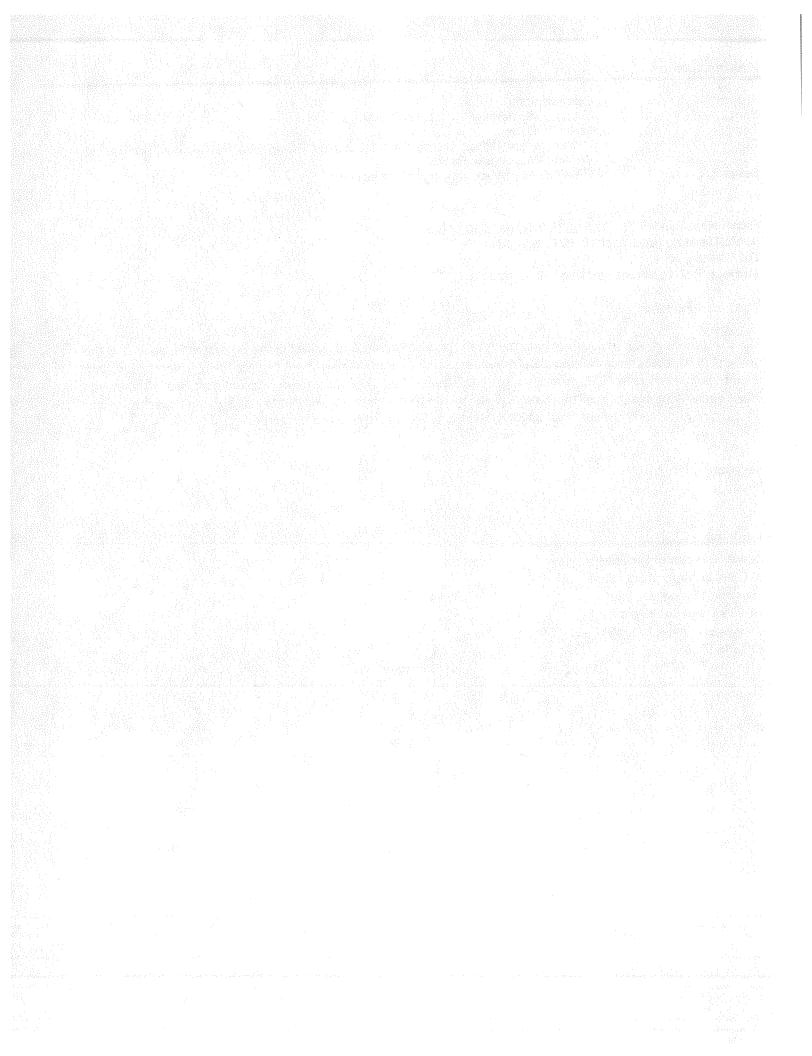
To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 161 Bronx smoking ballast incident

### Good morning John:

P.S. 161 located at 628 Tinton Avenue in the Bronx had a visibly smoking ballast in the general office room 118 this morning 9/10. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect/remove the fixture today. They will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. Wipe samples will be taken as well. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards, Phil



From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Monday, September 09, 2013 4:36 PM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Newton, Caroline; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 116 Queens smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Monday, September 09, 2013 4:21 PM

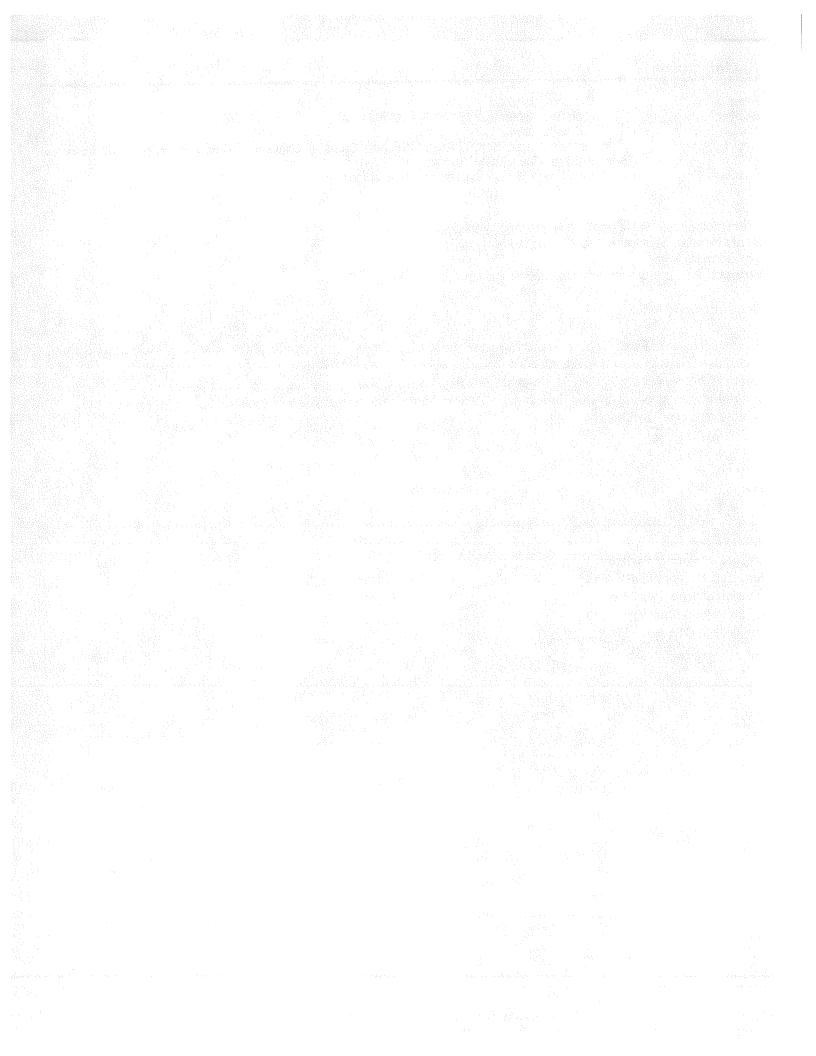
To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 116 Queens smoking ballast incident

#### Good afternoon John:

P.S. 116 in Queens had a visibly smoking ballast in the boiler room this afternoon 9/9. The boiler room was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect/remove the fixture tomorrow. They will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. Wipe samples will be taken as well. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards, Phil



From:

Gorman, John

Sent: To:

Wednesday, September 04, 2013 3:49 PM Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis

Cc:

Molnar, William; Wienckoski, Ronald

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Subject:

FW: P.S. 41 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2013 3:48 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 41 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 1 fixture was inspected and found to contain 1 intact PCB ballast from room 328. Wipe samples were taken and have been returned. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. The room will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blower (max rating 980 cfm) has been running for over 15 hours in the room that is 10,000 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 900 minutes / 10,000 cuft = 63 air changes.

Smoking ballast info:

Sola Dynatron

No manufacture date

Thermally protected

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 3:33 PM To: 'Gorman, John' (Gorman, John@epa.gov)

Subject: P.S. 41 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

John:

P.S. 41 located at 116 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street Manhattan had a visibly smoking ballast in the art room 328 earlier today 9/3. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect and remove the fixture tomorrow. They will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. Wipe samples will be taken as well. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards Phil

From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Thursday, September 05, 2013 2:17 PM

To: Subject:

Schulz, Susan; Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis Fw. P.S. 42 Bronx two smoking ballasts incidents

From: Napolitano Philip < PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov>

Sent: Thursday, September 05, 2013 1:35:31 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 42 Bronx two smoking ballasts incidents

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 3 fixtures were inspected and found to contain 1 leaking PCB ballast (smoke), 1 intact non pcb ballast, and 1 intact pcb ballast from room 102. 1 fixture was inspected in room 109 and found to contain 1 intact non pcb ballast. Wipe samples were taken from both rooms and have been returned. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm². The rooms will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent. We ventilated room 102 with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blower (max rating 980 cfm) ran for 18 hours in the room that is 10,200 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 1080 minutes / 10,200 cuft = 74 air changes.

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Room 102 smoking ballast info:

General Electric

No manufacture date

Thermally protected

Room 109 smoking ballast was NONPCB

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 03, 2013 3:28 PM **To:** "Gorman, John' (Gorman, John@epa,qov)"

Subject: P.S. 42 Bronx two smoking ballasts incidents

John.

P.S. 42 located at 1537 Washington Avenue in the Bronx had two visibly smoking ballasts earlier today 9/3 in room's 102 and 109. The rooms were immediately evacuated and secured. Fans were put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will be completed tomorrow. The environmental contractor will provide additional

ventilation with a blower unit in each room. The rooms will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

Philip Napolitano Deputy Director of Facilities

NYC Department of Education

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Borough	Bldg. ID	Comments			
Bk North	16K081	4 Panels; 2 on each floor, 3rd & 4th Fl. Hallways. (T12 building upgrade to begin in Fall 2013)			
Bk North	19K328	6 Panels (All ballasts were removed by SCA Summer 2013)			
Bk South	21K303	1 ballast panel located in room 144. School was converted to T8's in 2011.			
Bk South	21K370	1 panel located in 2nd floor hallway for audioturium light fixtures.			
Bronx	11X160	Rm. 224 & 330 2 panels.			
Bronx	11X455	1 Panel.			
Bronx	09X126	4 panels; 2 on each floor. 1st and 2nd floors			
Bronx	12X047	2 Panels located in Auditorium			
Manhattan	05M030	6 panels; 2 on each floor. 2nd, 3rd an 4th floors			
Queens	26Q430	1 panel located in gymnasium			
Queens	25Q025	Room B28, 1 Panel			
Queens	30Q017	3 Racks located in gymnasium			
Queens	28Q174	1 Panel located in gymnasium			
Staten Island	31R032	4 panels; 2 on each floor. 2nd and 3rd floors			
3k North	15K834	Remote ballasts located on stage power gymnsaium lights T12 building (SCA upgrade in progress)			

	1	4 panels located in the hallways. T12
		ballasts have been removed this
Bk North	23K332	summer by SCA

From:

Gorman, John

Sent: To:

Wednesday, September 04, 2013 3:34 PM Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis

Subject:

FW: P.S. 184 Bronx smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2013 3:12 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 184 Bronx smoking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 1 fixture was inspected and found to contain 1 intact PCB ballast from room 428. Wipe samples were taken and have been returned. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. The room will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blower (max rating 980 cfm) has been running for over 19 hours in the room that is 3,500 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 1140 minutes / 3,500 cuft = 228 air changes.

Smoking ballast info:

Universal

No manufacture date

No thermal protection

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards. Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 11:49 AM **To:** 'Gorman, John' (Gorman, John@epa.gov) Subject: P.S. 184 Bronx smoking ballast incident

John:

P.S. 184 located at 778 Forest Avenue in the Bronx had a visibly smoking ballast in the general office room 428 earlier today 9/3. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect/remove the fixture tonight. They will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. Wipe samples will be taken as well. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards. Phil

From:

Gorman, John

Sent: To:

Wednesday, September 04, 2013 1:44 PM Ross J. Holden (RHOLDEN@nycsca.org)

Subject:

Remote Ballast Panels

Attachments:

Remote ballast panels 8-26-13.xlsx

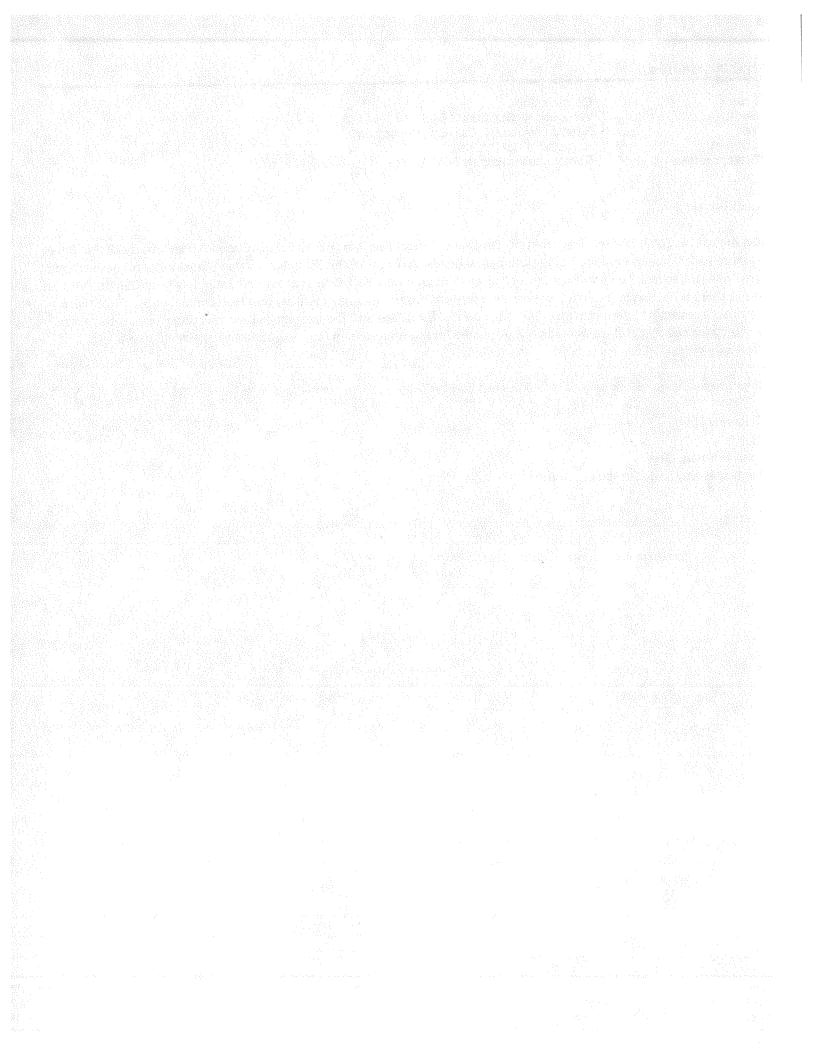
Dear Mr. Holden,

On August 26, 2013, EPA received from the Division of School Facilities (DSF) a list of 16 schools (see attached) that have remote ballast panels or individual remote ballast boxes. A review of this list indicates that the majority of these schools are "relevant schools" under EPA's consent agreement with New York City. It is our understanding from DSF that at this point there is no plan to internally inspect the panels or boxes, although it is likely that they contain PCBs. Since these enclosures contain multiple ballasts with the potential for failure and overheating ballasts may impact adjacent ballasts, we recommend that they be immediately inspected for internal leaks and to remediate any such leaks that are found that may contain PCBs.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact me at 732-321-6765.

Sincerely yours,

John Gorman, Chief Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch



From:

Gorman, John

Sent: To: Wednesday, September 04, 2013 3:49 PM Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis

Cc:

Molnar, William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 105 Queens smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2013 3:44 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 105 Queens smoking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 1 fixture was inspected and found to contain 1 intact PCB ballast from room 201. Wipe samples were taken and have been returned. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. The room will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blower (max rating 980 cfm) has been running for over 20 hours in the room that is 7500 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend).  $700 \text{ cfm} \times 1200 \text{ minutes} / 7500 \text{ cuft} = 112 \text{ air changes}$ .

Smoking ballast info:

Advance

No manufacture date

Thermal protection unknown

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 9:09 AM
To: 'Gorman, John' (Gorman.John@epa.gov)
Subject: P.S. 105 Queens smoking ballast incident

Good morning John,

P.S. 105 located at 420 Beach 51<sup>st</sup> Street in Queens had a visibly smoking ballast in the teacher's resource room 201 earlier today 9/3. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will happen today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards			
Phil			
Philip Napolitano			
Deputy Director of Facilities			
NYC Department of Education			
Division of School Facilities			
44-36 Vernon Boulevard			
Long Island City, N.Y. 11101			
718 349 5583 tel			

From: Gorman, John

Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 3:36 PM

To: LaPosta, Dore

Cc: Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Newton, Caroline; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

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Subject: FW: P.S. 41 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

Fourth report of smoking ballasts at P.S. 41 in Manhattan since April.

**From:** Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 3:33 PM

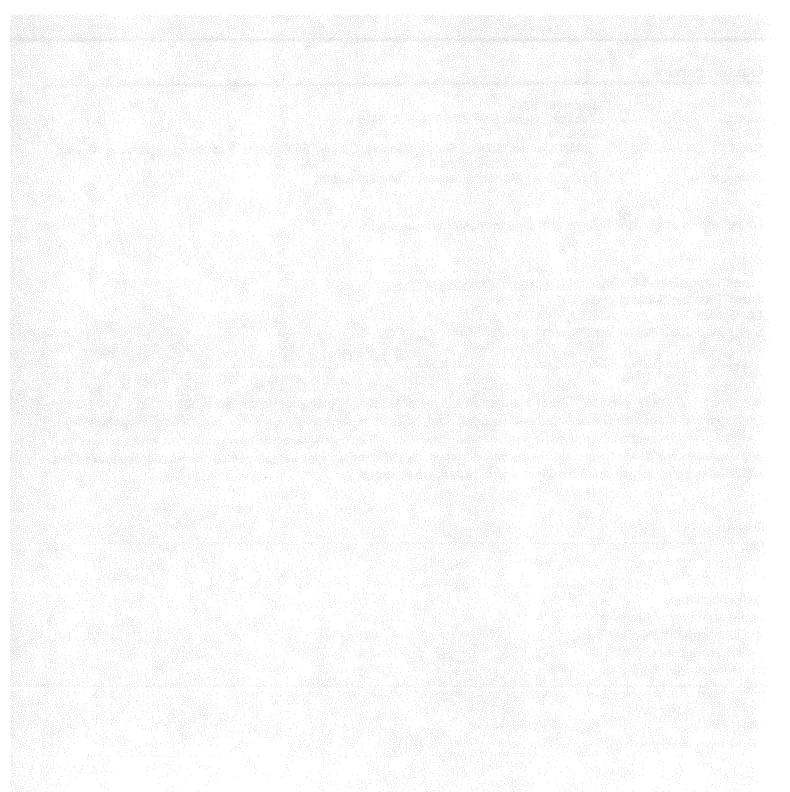
To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 41 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

John:

P.S. 41 located at 116 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street Manhattan had a visibly smoking ballast in the art room 328 earlier today 9/3. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect and remove the fixture tomorrow. They will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. Wipe samples will be taken as well. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards Phil



From: Gorman, John

Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 11:50 AM

To: LaPosta, Dore

Cc: Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Newton, Caroline; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject: FW: P.S. 184 Bronx smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 11:49 AM

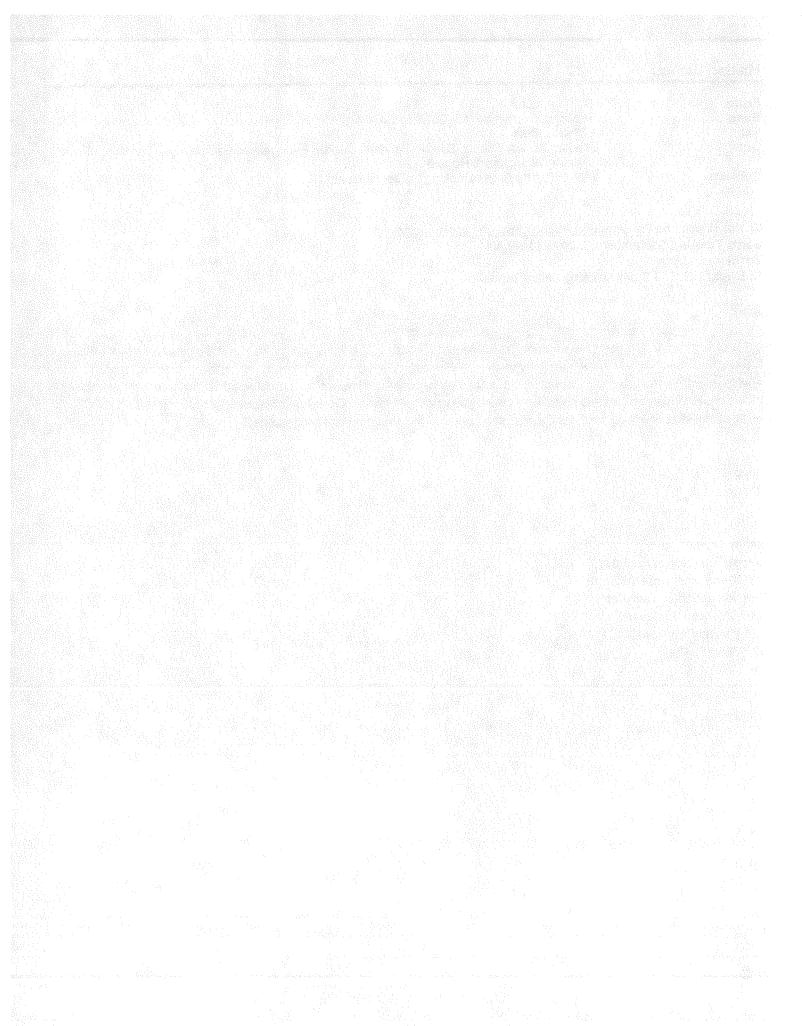
To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 184 Bronx smoking ballast incident

John:

P.S. 184 located at 778 Forest Avenue in the Bronx had a visibly smoking ballast in the general office room 428 earlier today 9/3. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect/remove the fixture tonight. They will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. Wipe samples will be taken as well. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards, Phil



From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Tuesday, September 03, 2013 3:32 PM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Newton, Caroline; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 42 Bronx two smoking ballasts incidents

Third report of smoking ballasts at P.S. 42 in the Bronx since mid-July.

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.qov]

Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 3:28 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 42 Bronx two smoking ballasts incidents

John,

P.S. 42 located at 1537 Washington Avenue in the Bronx had two visibly smoking ballasts earlier today 9/3 in room's 102 and 109. The rooms were immediately evacuated and secured. Fans were put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will be completed tomorrow. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit in each room. The rooms will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

Philip Napolitano

**Deputy Director of Facilities** 

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Tuesday, September 03, 2013 9:22 AM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Schulz, Susan; Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Newton, Caroline; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 105 Queens smoking ballast incident

Second reported ballast failure for PS. 105 in Queens.

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 9:09 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 105 Queens smoking ballast incident

# Good morning John,

P.S. 105 located at 420 Beach 51<sup>st</sup> Street in Queens had a visibly smoking ballast in the teacher's resource room 201 earlier today 9/3. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will happen today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

Philip Napolitano

**Deputy Director of Facilities** 

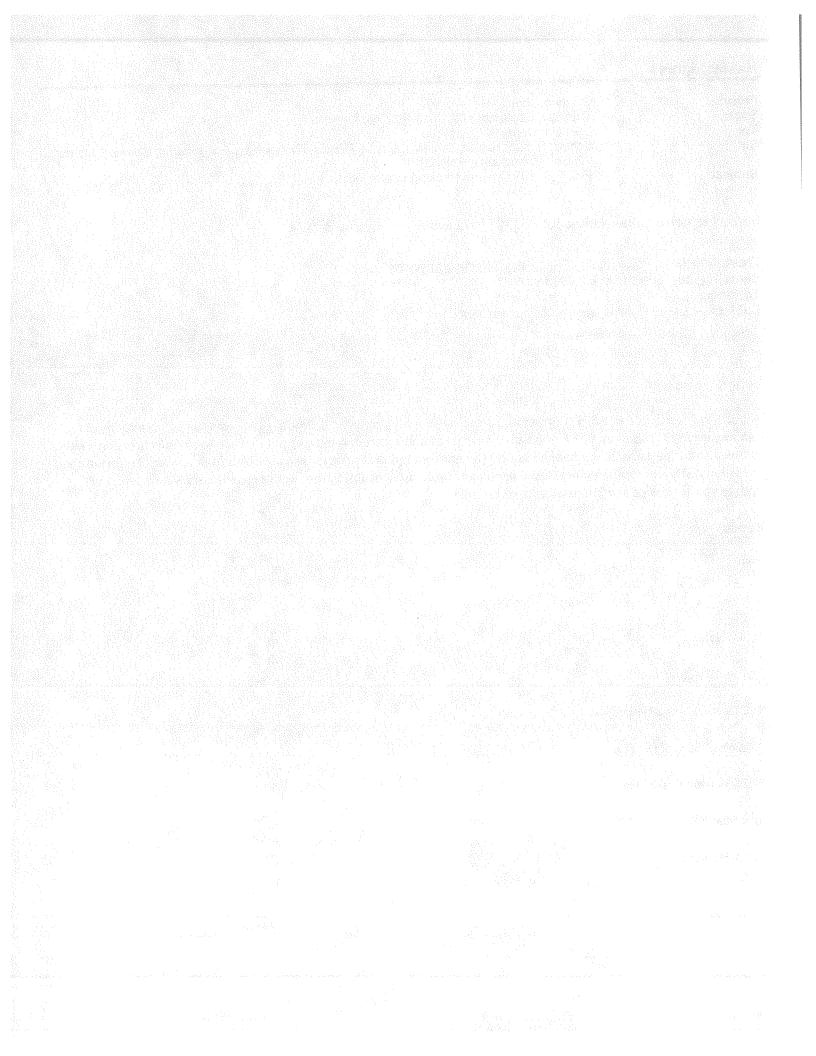
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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Friday, August 30, 2013 3:07 PM

To:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis

Cc:

Molnar, William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: Harry Vanarsdale HS (K650) smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Friday, August 30, 2013 2:55 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: Harry Vanarsdale HS (K650) smoking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 4 fixtures were inspected and found to contain 4 leaking pcb ballasts from room 130. Wipe samples were taken and have been returned. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. The room will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blower (max rating 980 cfm) has been running for over 25 hours in the room that is 8,000 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 1500 minutes / 8,000 cuft = 131 air changes.

Smoking ballast info:

Westinghouse

Vire No.

No manufacture date

Thermally protection unknown

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2013 1:54 PM To: 'Gorman, John' (Gorman, John@epa.gov)

Subject: Harry Vanarsdale HS (K650) smoking ballast incident

Good afternoon John:

Harry Vanarsdale H.S.(K650) located at 257 N 6th Street in Brooklyn had a visibly smoking ballast in classroom 103 last night 8/28. The room was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect/remove the fixture today. They will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. Wipe samples will be taken as well. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards, Phil

From: Gorman, John

Sent: Friday, August 30, 2013 11:43 AM

To: LaPosta, Dore

Cc: Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Newton, Caroline; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject: Fw: Harry Vanarsdale HS (K650) smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip < PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2013 1:53:50 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: Harry Vanarsdale HS (K650) smoking ballast incident

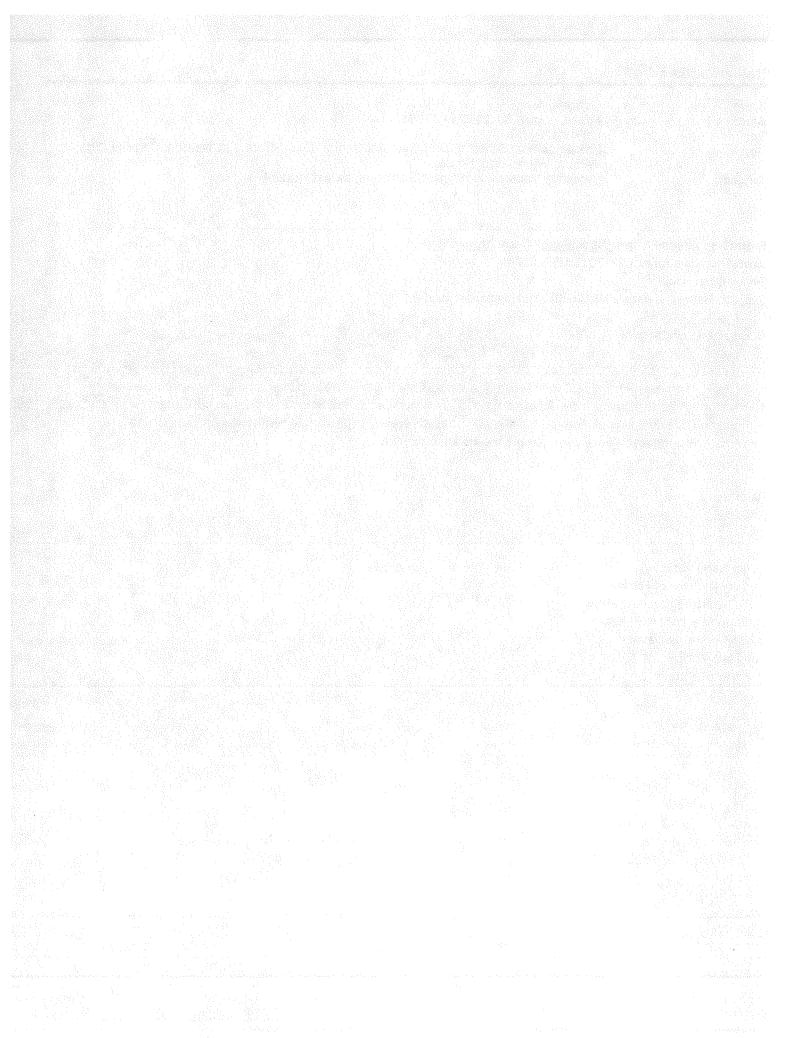
### Good afternoon John:

Harry Vanarsdale H.S.(K650) located at 257 N 6th Street in Brooklyn had a visibly smoking ballast in classroom 103 last night 8/28. The room was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect/remove the fixture today. They will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. Wipe samples will be taken as well. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards, Phil

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent: To: Wednesday, August 28, 2013 11:15 AM

Subject:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis Fw. P.S. 142 Bronx smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip < PNapolitano 2@schools.nyc.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2013 10:48:25 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 142 Bronx smoking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 1 fixture was inspected and found to contain 1 intact pcb ballast from room B21. The only the ballast was removed. Wipe samples were taken and have been returned. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. The room will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blower (max rating 980 cfm) has been running for over 36 hours in the room that is 11,623 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 2160 minutes / 11,623 cuft = 130 air changes.

Smoking ballast info:

Advance

No manufacture date

Thermally protected

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2013 12:08 PM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 142 Bronx smoking ballast incident

#### Good afternoon John,

P.S. 142 located at 3750 Baychester Avenue in the Bronx had a visibly smoking ballast in room #B21 yesterday 8/26. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will happen today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

Philip Napolitano Deputy Director of Facilities

NYC Department of Education

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Long Island City, N.Y. 11101

From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Tuesday, August 27, 2013 12:16 PM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Newton, Caroline; Schulz, Susan; Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

Fw: P.S. 142 Bronx smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip < PNapolitano 2@schools.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2013 12:08:04 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 142 Bronx smoking ballast incident

#### Good afternoon John,

P.S. 142 located at 3750 Baychester Avenue in the Bronx had a visibly smoking ballast in room #B21 yesterday 8/26. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will happen today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards Phil

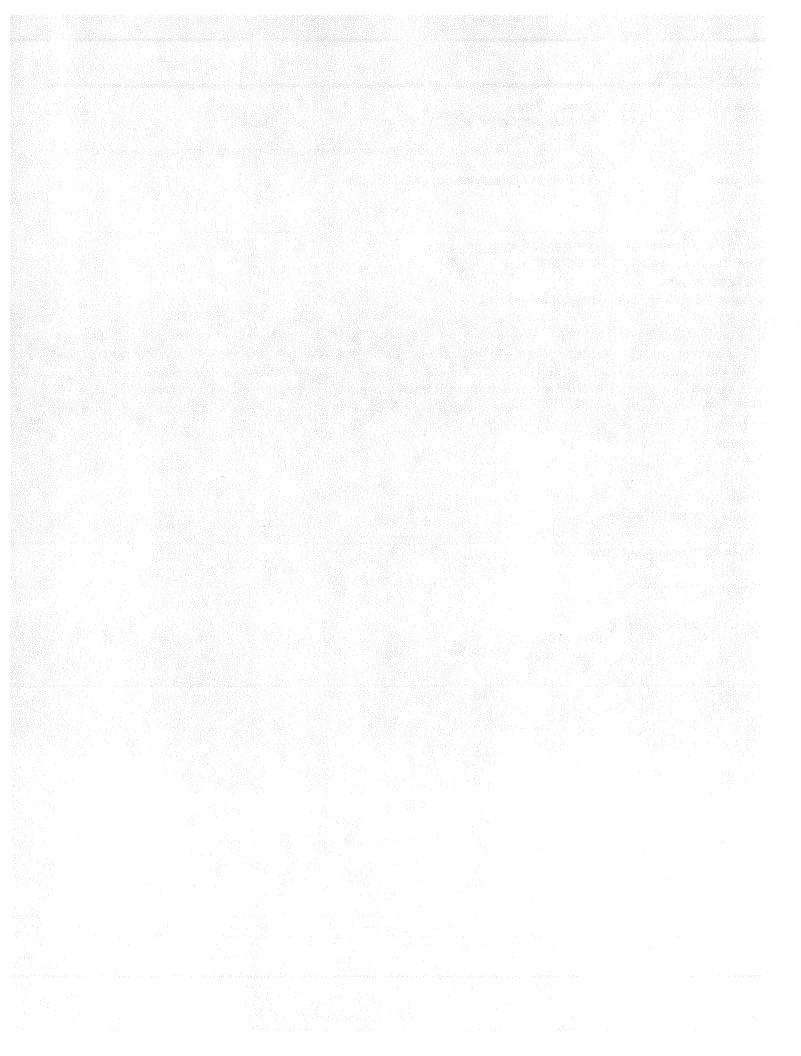
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Deputy Director of Facilities

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From: Gorman, John

Sent: Monday, August 26, 2013 3:55 PM

To: LaPosta, Dore

Cc: Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Newton, Caroline; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

**Subject:** FW: Remote ballast panel information Attachments: Remote ballast panels 8-26-13.xlsx

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2013 12:10 PM

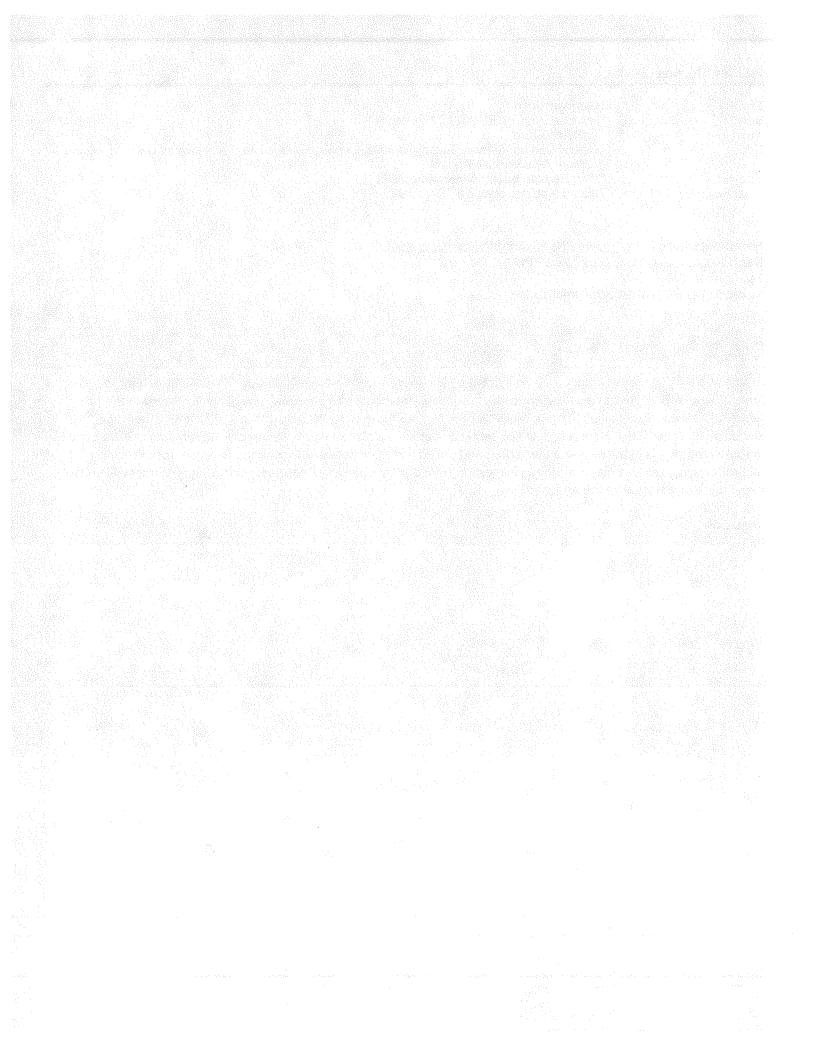
To: Gorman, John

Subject: Remote ballast panel information

#### Good afternoon John,

Attached is a list of schools that, based on current information, have remote ballast panels or individual remote ballast boxes. There appears to be two different configurations. Ten schools have remote ballast panels that are in the hallway which control the classroom lighting. Six schools have remote ballasts for the gym or the auditorium. Other than custodian engineer visual inspections, we currently do not have a plan to internally inspect the cabinets or ballast boxes in these schools. As in the past, our custodians and skilled trades personnel will continue to report specific ballast failures or instances that may warrant an inspection from our environmental contractor. Moving forward, I will update you if there are changes to the attached list.

Regards, Phil



Remote Ballast Panels					
Borough	Bldg. ID	Comments			
Bk North	16K081	4 Panels; 2 on each floor, 3rd & 4th Fl. Hallways. (T12 building upgrade to begin in Fall 2013)			
Bk North	19K328	6 Panels (All ballasts were removed by SCA Summer 2013)			
Bk South	21K303	1 ballast panel located in room 144. School was converted to T8's in 2011.			
Bk South	21K370	1 panel located in 2nd floor hallway for audioturium light fixtures.			
Bronx	11X160	Rm. 224 & 330 2 panels.			
Bronx	11X455	1 Panel.			
Bronx	09X126	4 panels; 2 on each floor. 1st and 2nd floors			
Bronx	12X047	2 Panels located in Auditorium			
Manhattan	05M030	6 panels; 2 on each floor. 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors			
Queens	26Q430	1 panel located in gymnasium			
Queens	25Q025	Room B28, 1 Panel			
Queens	30Q017	3 Racks located in gymnasium			
Queens	28Q174	1 Panel located in gymnasium			
Staten Island	31R032	4 panels; 2 on each floor. 2nd and 3rd floors			
Bk North	15K834	Remote ballasts located on stage power gymnsaium lights T12 building (SCA upgrade in progress)			

		4 panels located in the hallways. T12
		ballasts have been removed this
Bk North	23K332	summer by SCA

From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Friday, August 23, 2013 1:22 PM

To:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis

Cc:

Molnar, William; Wienckoski, Ronald

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Subject:

Fw: P.S. 175 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip < PNapolitano 2@schools.nyc.gov>

Sent: Friday, August 23, 2013 1:04:36 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 175 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

#### Good afternoon John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 1 fixture was inspected in room 321. The fixture contained 1 intact pcb ballast with historic staining. Wipe samples were taken and have been returned. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. The room will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blower (max rating 980 cfm) has been running for 19 hours in the classroom that is 4500 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 1140 minutes / 4500 cuft = 177 air changes.

Smoking ballast info was not provided

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 21, 2013 4:16 PM **To:** 'Gorman, John' (Gorman.John@epa.gov)

Subject: P.S. 175 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

#### Good afternoon John,

P.S. 175 located at 175 West 134<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan had a visibly smoking ballast in classroom 321 this afternoon 8/21. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will happen tomorrow. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

Philip Napolitano

From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Wednesday, August 21, 2013 4:20 PM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Newton, Caroline; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

Fw: P.S. 175 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

Second reported failure at P.S. 175 in Manhattan since June.

From: Napolitano Philip < PNapolitano 2@schools.nyc.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 4:16:17 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 175 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

#### Good afternoon John,

P.S. 175 located at 175 West 134<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan had a visibly smoking ballast in classroom 321 this afternoon 8/21. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will happen tomorrow. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards Phil

Philip Napolitano
Deputy Director of Facilities

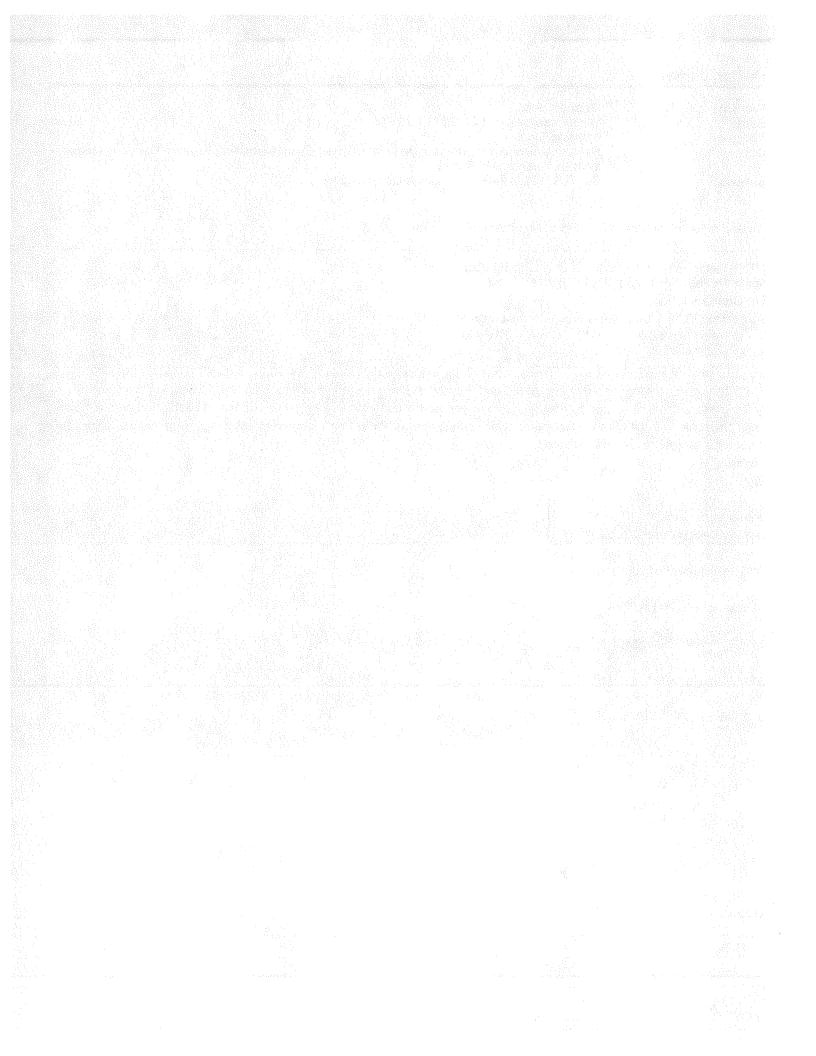
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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Wednesday, August 21, 2013 11:16 AM

To: Subject: Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis; Schulz, Susan FW: P.S. 825 Staten Island leaking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 11:10 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 825 Staten Island leaking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 1 fixture containing 1 leaking pcb ballast was removed from rm 119. Our environmental contractor cleaned the impacted floor. 5 Wipe samples were taken from the floor and have been returned. All sample results are below the detection limit thus below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm². The classroom will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit through the house exhaust shaft.

The blower (max rating 980 cfm) ran for over 24 hours in the classroom that is 8,000 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 1440 minutes / 3000 cuft = 336 air changes.

Smoking ballast info:

Universal

No manufacture date

No thermal protection

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards,

Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 10:22 AM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 825 Staten Island leaking ballast incident

John:

P.S. 825 located at 6581 Hylan Boulevard in Staten Island had a leaking ballast this morning 8/5 in classroom 119. The room was unoccupied at the time it was discovered, it was immediately secured. It appears there is a drop on the floor below the fixture. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. The windows in the room are fixed closed. The room has an exhaust system that vents out through the roof. The fixture will be removed and our environmental contractor will clean any impacted tiles, once it is completed wipe samples will be taken. The environmental contractor will also provide

additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards,

Phil

From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Wednesday, August 21, 2013 11:14 AM

To: Subject: Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis FW: P.S. 150 Bronx smoking ballast incident

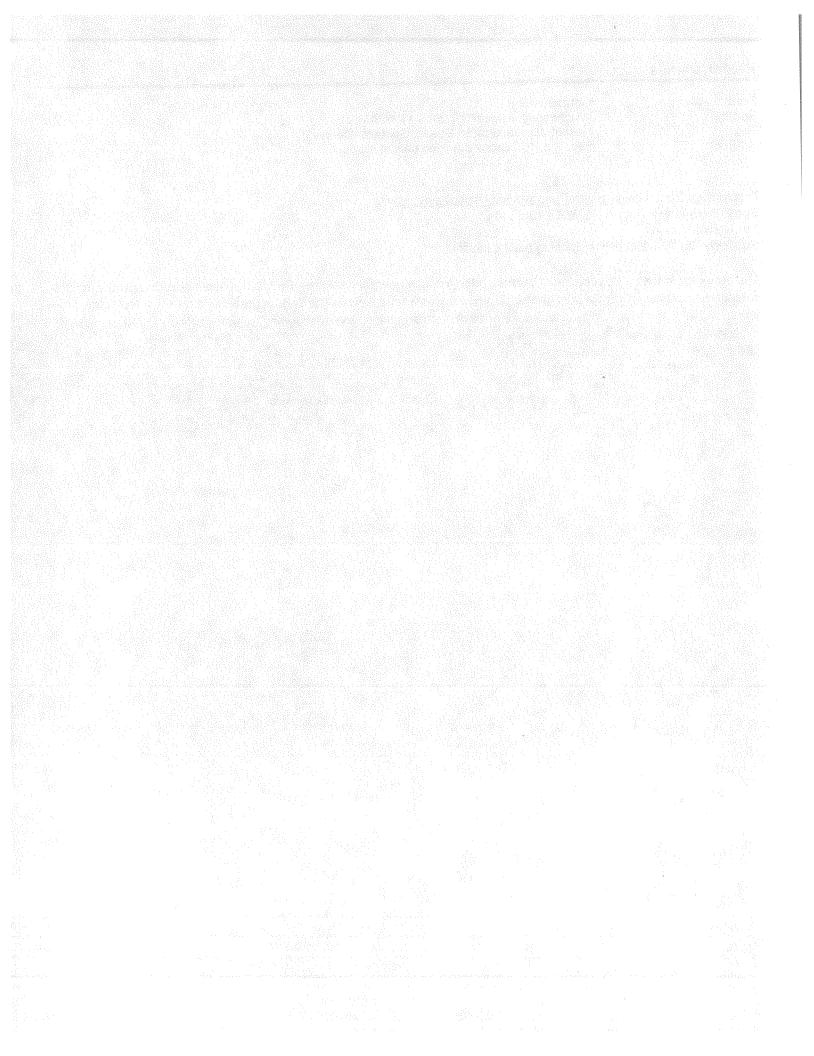
From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 10:32 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 150 Bronx smoking ballast incident

The occupant in the office reported a burning odor(from an unknown source). Due to the hypersensitivity at the school surrounding smoking light fixtures, it was assumed it was from a ballast. The contractor arrived on site a few hours later, and found all lights to be working with no smoke or odor present. Upon questioning, school staff confirmed the light fixtures did not smoke.



From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

To:

Wednesday, August 21, 2013 11:13 AM Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis

Subject:

FW: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

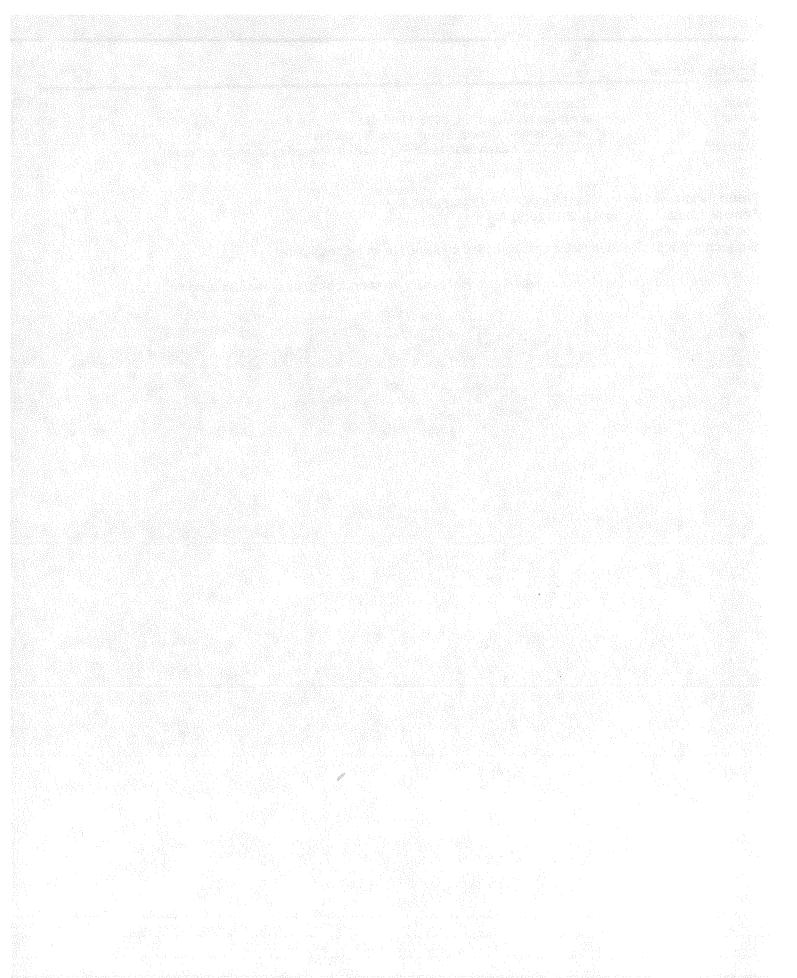
From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 10:53 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

I will have a list of schools for you by next week. Preliminary numbers look to be around 15 buildings.



From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Wednesday, August 21, 2013 10:55 AM

To:

Schulz, Susan; Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis

Subject:

Fw: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

From: Napolitano Philip < PNapolitano 2@schools.nyc.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 10:52:47 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

I will have a list of schools for you by next week. Preliminary numbers look to be around 15 buildings.

From: Gorman, John [mailto:Gorman.John@epa.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 8:56 AM

To: Napolitano Philip

Subject: RE: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

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Can you give me an estimate on when the list of buildings with PCB cabinets will be completed? How many schools have been identified so far that have PCB cabinets?



John Gorman, Chief Pesticides & Toxic Substances Branch USEPA Region 2 - Edison Facility Building 10 2890 Woodbridge Avenue Edison, NJ 08837-3679

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From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 19, 2013 10:21 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

John,

As a follow up to my previous email, the PCB ballasts were removed from the cabinets. The impacted surface within the cabinets was cleaned by our environmental contractor and wipe samples were taken. The wipe test results are below the detection limit. We ventilated with fans and blower units.

The blowers (max rating 980 cfm) ran for over 24 hours in each of the hallways that are 4700 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 1440 minutes / 4700 cuft = 214 air changes.

P.S. I am still working on a list of the other buildings that contain these types of ballast panels. I will keep you posted.

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 9:55 AM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

John:

I wanted to give you a heads up on some findings at P.S. 32 Staten Island located at 32 Elverton Avenue. This is one of a few buildings built in the 1960's that have ballast cabinets in the hallways. These ballasts provide the power to the light fixtures in the classrooms. The custodian inspected the hallway cabinets and found leaking PCB ballasts in cabinets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2nd floors for a total of 3 cabinets. We are currently developing a plan of attack for ballast removal, cleaning, and testing. The school is closed for the summer. The cabinets may require cleaning, so I will keep you posted on any wipe sampling results. Here are some of the details:

2<sup>nd</sup> floor cabinet outside room 239: 6 leaking PCB ballasts, all are Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date
3 Intact PCB ballasts, all are Magnetek 806-SLH-TC-P. No manufacture date

3<sup>rd</sup> floor cabinet outside room 310: 6 leaking PCB ballasts, all are Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date
3 Intact PCB ballasts, all are Magnetek 806-SLH-TC-P. No manufacture date

3<sup>rd</sup> floor cabinet outside room 308: 4 leaking PCB ballasts, all are Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date
2 intact PCB ballasts, Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date
2 Intact PCB ballasts, Magnetek 806-SLH-TC-P. No manufacture date
1 leaking NON PCB ballast.

Regards, Phil

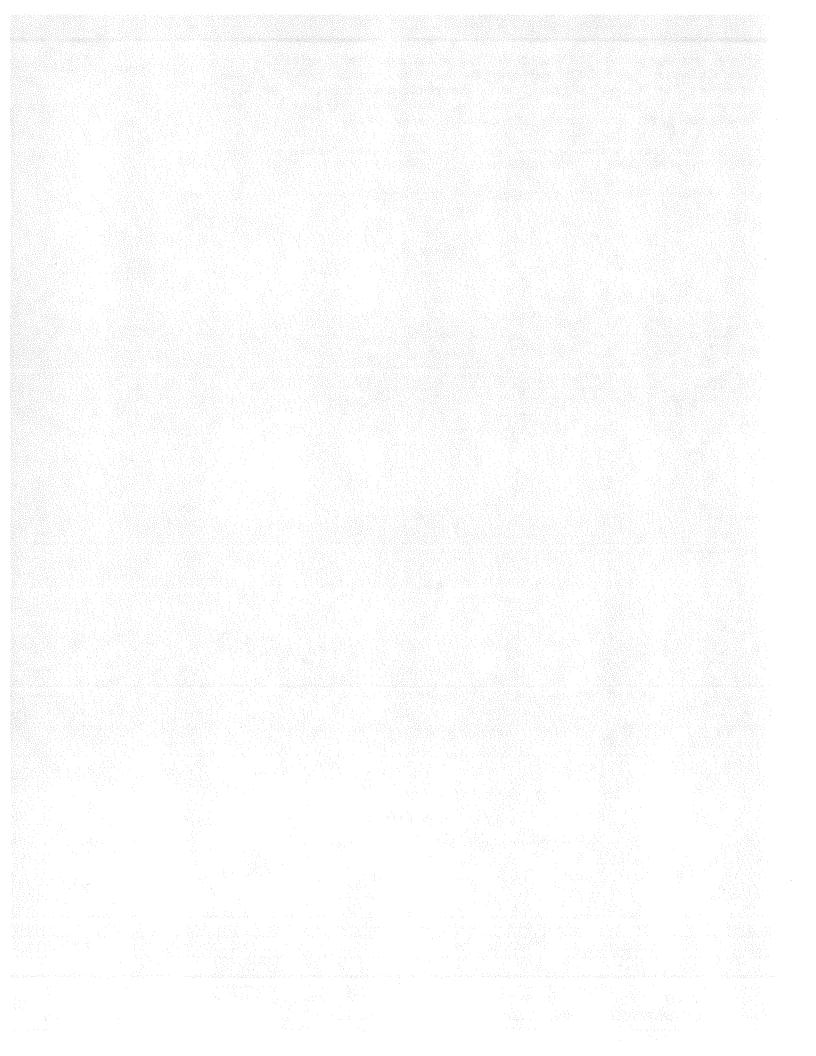
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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Tuesday, August 20, 2013 4:11 PM

To: Subject: Schulz, Susan; Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis FW: P.S. 265 Brooklyn smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2013 2:02 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 265 Brooklyn smoking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 3 fixtures containing 1 leaking pcb ballast (smoke), and 2 non pcb ballasts was removed from room B3. Wipe samples were taken and have been returned. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. The room will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit. The school is currently undergoing a lighting upgrade.

The blower (max rating 980 cfm) has been running for over 48 hours in the room that is 3960 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 2880 minutes / 3960 cuft = 509 air changes.

Smoking ballast info:

Westinghouse

No manufacture date

No thermal protection

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2013 11:20 AM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 265 Brooklyn smoking ballast incident

Good morning John:

P.S. 265 located at 101 Park Avenue in Brooklyn had a visibly smoking ballast in room B3 earlier today 8/7. The room was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect/remove the fixture today. They will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. Wipe samples will be taken as well. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent when student return from summer recess. The school is currently undergoing a building wide lighting replacement. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards, Phil

From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Monday, August 19, 2013 10:44 AM

To:

Schulz, Susan; Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis

Cc:

Molnar, William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 19, 2013 10:21 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

John,

As a follow up to my previous email, the PCB ballasts were removed from the cabinets. The impacted surface within the cabinets was cleaned by our environmental contractor and wipe samples were taken. The wipe test results are below the detection limit. We ventilated with fans and blower units.

The blowers (max rating 980 cfm) ran for over 24 hours in each of the hallways that are 4700 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 1440 minutes / 4700 cuft = 214 air changes.

P.S. I am still working on a list of the other buildings that contain these types of ballast panels. I will keep you posted.

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 9:55 AM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

John:

I wanted to give you a heads up on some findings at P.S. 32 Staten Island located at 32 Elverton Avenue. This is one of a few buildings built in the 1960's that have ballast cabinets in the hallways. These ballasts provide the power to the light fixtures in the classrooms. The custodian inspected the hallway cabinets and found leaking PCB ballasts in cabinets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2nd floors for a total of 3 cabinets. We are currently developing a plan of attack for ballast removal, cleaning, and testing. The school is closed for the summer. The cabinets may require cleaning, so I will keep you posted on any wipe sampling results. Here are some of the details:

2<sup>nd</sup> floor cabinet outside room 239: 6 leaking PCB ballasts, all are Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date

3 Intact PCB ballasts, all are Magnetek 806-SLH-TC-P. No manufacture date

3<sup>rd</sup> floor cabinet outside room 310: 6 leaking PCB ballasts, all are Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date

3 Intact PCB ballasts, all are Magnetek 806-SLH-TC-P. No manufacture date

3<sup>rd</sup> floor cabinet outside room 308: 4 leaking PCB ballasts, all are Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date

2 intact PCB ballasts, Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date

2 Intact PCB ballasts, Magnetek 806-SLH-TC-P. No manufacture date

1 leaking NON PCB ballast.

Regards,				
Phil				

From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Monday, August 19, 2013 10:42 AM

To:

Schulz, Susan; Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis

Cc:

Molnar, William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 78 Bronx smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 19, 2013 9:12 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 78 Bronx smoking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 1 fixture containing 1 leaking pcb ballast was removed from the 5<sup>th</sup> floor hallway. Wipe samples were taken and have been returned. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. The hallway will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blower (max rating 980 cfm) ran for over 48 hours in the hallway that is 20,000 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 2880 minutes / 20,000 cuft = 100 air changes.

Smoking ballast info was illegible due to heavy staining.

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 12:40 PM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 78 Bronx smoking ballast incident

John:

P.S. 78 located at 1400 Needham Avenue in the Bronx had a visibly smoking ballast in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor hallway today 8/8. The hallway was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect/remove the fixture tonight. They will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. Wipe samples will be taken as well. The hallway will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent when students return from summer recess. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards, Phil

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Monday, August 19, 2013 10:41 AM

To:

Schulz, Susan: Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis

Cc:

Molnar, William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: Westinghouse H.S. K580 in Brooklyn leaking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 19, 2013 9:00 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: Westinghouse H.S. K580 in Brooklyn leaking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 1 fixture containing 1 leaking pcb ballast was removed from the office rm 142. The stain reported by the school was inspected by our environmental contractor and was determined to be non pcb in nature (possibly food or soda). Wipe samples were taken and have been returned. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. The office will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blowers (max rating 980 cfm) have been running for over 24 hours in the office that is 3000 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 1440 minutes / 3000 cuft = 336 air changes.

Smoking ballast info:

Universal

No manufacture date

No thermal protection

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 11:15 AM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: Westinghouse H.S. K580 in Brooklyn leaking ballast incident

John:

Westinghouse H.S. located at 105 Johnson Street in Brooklyn had a leaking ballast in an office room 142 this morning 8/05. The room was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect and remove the fixture. There is a drop of fluid on a floor tile below the fixture. The impacted floor will be cleaned and wipe tested. The contractor will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards, Phil

From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Monday, August 19, 2013 10:40 AM

To:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis

Cc:

Molnar, William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 42 Bronx four smoking ballasts incidents

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 19, 2013 8:07 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 42 Bronx four smoking ballasts incidents

John,

As a follow up to my previous email, the impacted floor was cleaned by our environmental contractor and 5 wipe samples were taken from room 305. All wipe sample results are below the detection limit. Room 305 will be re-occupied.

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2013 3:28 PM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: RE: P.S. 42 Bronx four smoking ballasts incidents

#### Good afternoon John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 3 fixtures were removed from room 106, they contained 1 intact PCB ballast, 1 leaking PCB ballast(smoke) and 1 NONPCB ballast with historical staining. 3 fixtures were removed from room 102, they contained 1 leaking PCB ballast(smoke), 2 NONPCB ballasts with historical staining. 3 fixtures were removed from room 209, they contained 2 leaking PCB ballasts (smoke), 1 NONPCB ballast with historical staining. 3 fixtures were removed from room 305, they contained 3 leaking PCB ballasts. Wipe samples were taken from the 4 rooms and have been returned. All sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm². One sample from the floor in room 305 was above the detection limit. Our environmental contractor will clean the area where the sample was taken and we will retest. Rooms 106, 102, 209 will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent once students return from summer recess. We ventilated each room with a pedestal fan and blower unit. I will update you on room 305 when the next set of results are returned.

Blowers (max rating 980 cfm) have been running for over 24 hours in each of the classrooms 9220 cuft(per room). I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 1440 minutes / 9220 cuft = 109 air changes.

Smoking ballast info

Room 106: GE, no date, no thermal protection

Room 102: GE, no date, thermally protected

Room 209: GE, no date no thermal protection

Room 305: Ballast info was not legible

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Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2013 3:35 PM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 42 Bronx four smoking ballasts incidents

John,

P.S. 42 located at 1537 Washington Avenue in the Bronx had four visibly smoking ballasts recently. One fixture each in room's 106 and 305 on 7/26. One fixture each in room's 102 and 209 today 7/29. The rooms were immediately secured. Fans were put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will be completed today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit in each room. The rooms will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent when students return from summer recess. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

Philip Napolitano

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Monday, August 19, 2013 10:38 AM

To:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis

Cc:

Molnar, William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 150 Bronx smoking ballast incident

**From:** Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 19, 2013 7:48 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 150 Bronx smoking ballast incident

Good morning John,

This report was a miscommunication. Our environmental contractor inspected the room and no issues were found.

Regards Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 12:37 PM

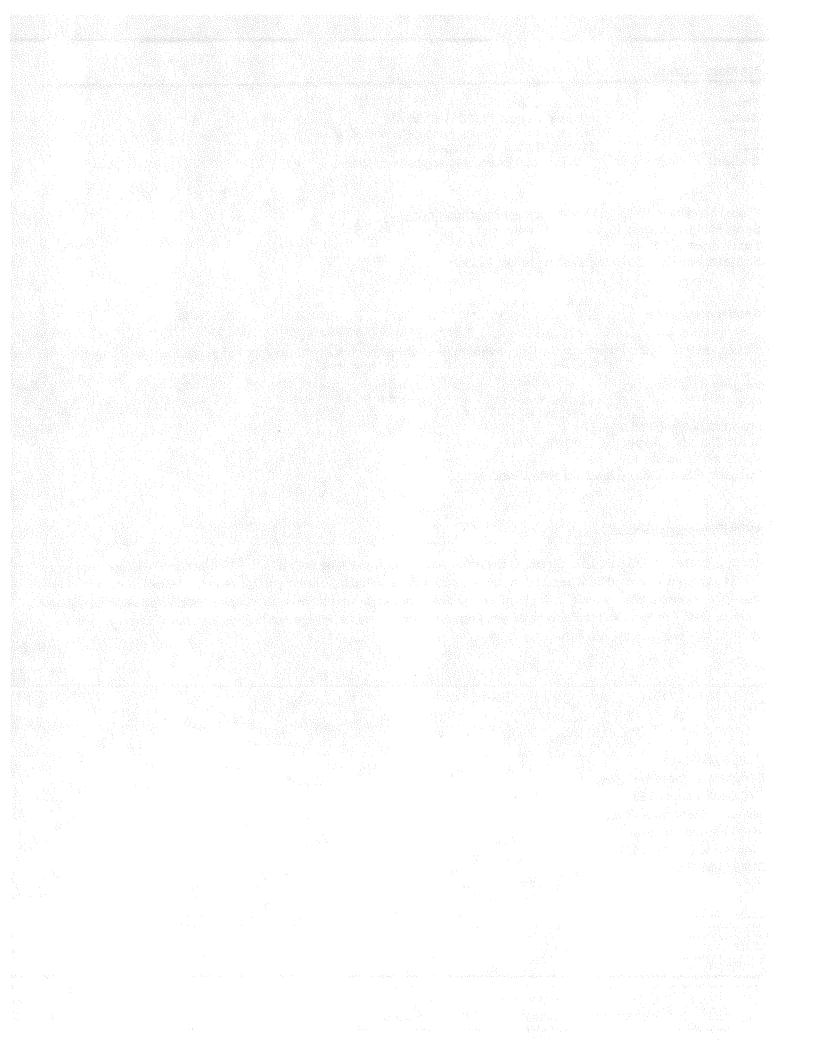
To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 150 Bronx smoking ballast incident

#### Good morning John:

P.S. 150 located at 920 East 167<sup>th</sup> Street in the Bronx had a visibly smoking ballast in the AP office room 326 yesterday 8/7. The room was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect/remove the fixture tonight. They will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. Wipe samples will be taken as well. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards, Phil



From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Thursday, August 08, 2013 12:51 PM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Newton, Caroline; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 150 Bronx smoking ballast incident

Fifth reported failure at P.S. 150 in the Bronx.

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 12:37 PM

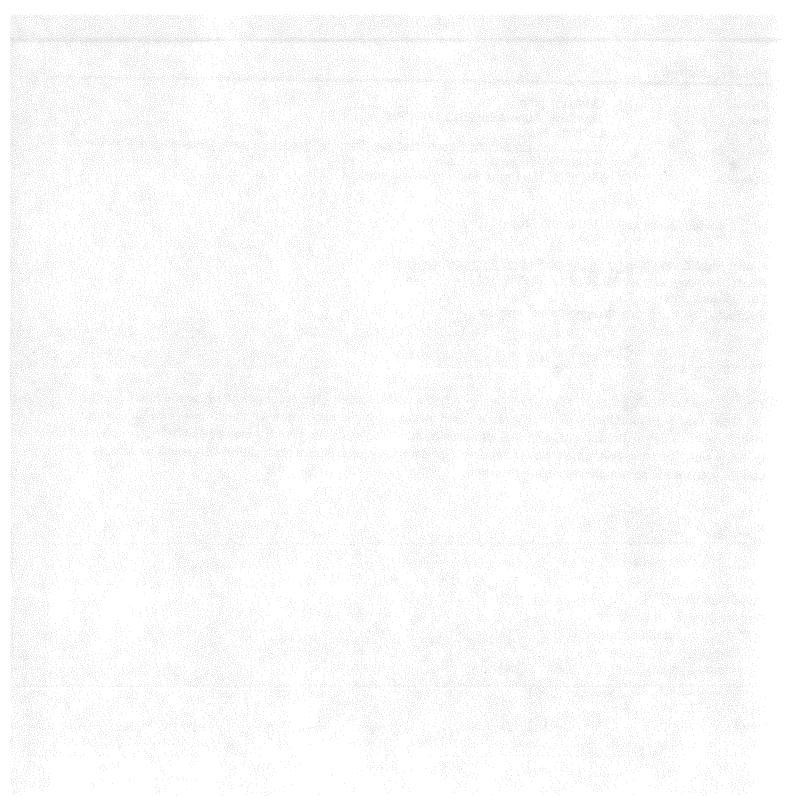
To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 150 Bronx smoking ballast incident

# Good morning John:

P.S. 150 located at 920 East 167<sup>th</sup> Street in the Bronx had a visibly smoking ballast in the AP office room 326 yesterday 8/7. The room was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect/remove the fixture tonight. They will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. Wipe samples will be taken as well. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards, Phil



From: Gorman, John

Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 12:49 PM

To: LaPosta, Dore

Cc: Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Newton, Caroline; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject: FW: P.S. 78 Bronx smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 12:40 PM

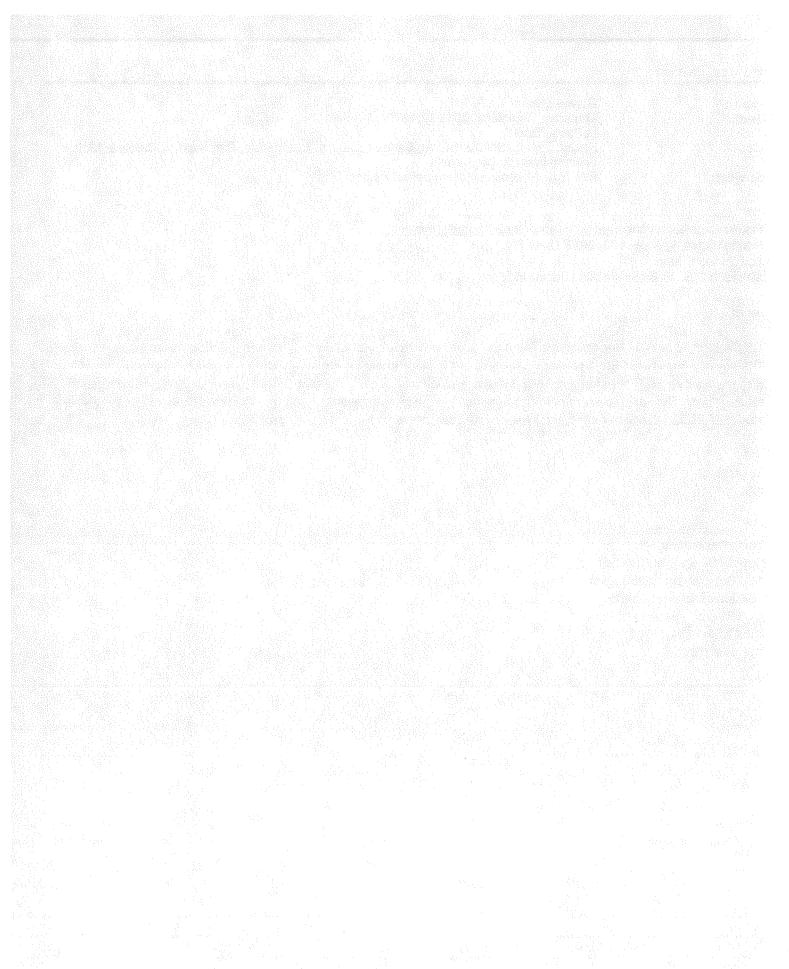
To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 78 Bronx smoking ballast incident

John:

P.S. 78 located at 1400 Needham Avenue in the Bronx had a visibly smoking ballast in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor hallway today 8/8. The hallway was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect/remove the fixture tonight. They will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. Wipe samples will be taken as well. The hallway will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent when students return from summer recess. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards, Phil



From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Wednesday, August 07, 2013 1:54 PM

To:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis; Molnar, William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 150 Bronx smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2013 1:24 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 150 Bronx smoking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 1 leaking pcb ballast and 2 intact pcb ballasts were removed from classroom 305. Wipe samples were taken and have been returned. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. The room will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blower (max rating 980 cfm) ran for over 48 hours in the classroom that is 6240 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 2880 minutes / 6240 cuft = 323 air changes.

Smoking ballast info was not visible due to smoke damage

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 9:21 AM

To: 'Gorman, John'

**Subject:** P.S. 150 Bronx smoking ballast incident

Good morning John:

P.S. 150 located at 920 East 167<sup>th</sup> Street in the Bronx had a visibly smoking ballast in classroom 305 on Friday 8/2. The room was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect/remove the fixture tonight. They will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. Wipe samples will be taken as well. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards,

Phil

Philip Napolitano

**Deputy Director of Facilities** 

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Wednesday, August 07, 2013 1:53 PM

To:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis; Molnar, William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 119 Queens smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2013 1:31 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 119 Queens smoking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 1 fixture containing 1 leaking pcb ballast was removed from the principal's office. Wipe samples were taken and have been returned. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm². The office will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blowers (max rating 980 cfm) have been running for over 12 hours in the office that is 4704 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 720 minutes / 4704 cuft = 107 air changes.

Smoking ballast info was not provided

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Tuesday, August 06, 2013 2:42 PM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 119 Queens smoking ballast incident

John,

P.S. 119 located at 74-01 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Queens had a visibly smoking ballast in the principal's office room 203 earlier today 8/6. The office was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will happen today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

Philip Napolitano

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From: Gorman, John

Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2013 11:21 AM

To: LaPosta, Dore

Cc: Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis; Schulz, Susan; Newton, Caroline; Evangelista, Pat; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject: FW: P.S. 265 Brooklyn smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2013 11:20 AM

To: Gorman, John

**Subject:** P.S. 265 Brooklyn smoking ballast incident

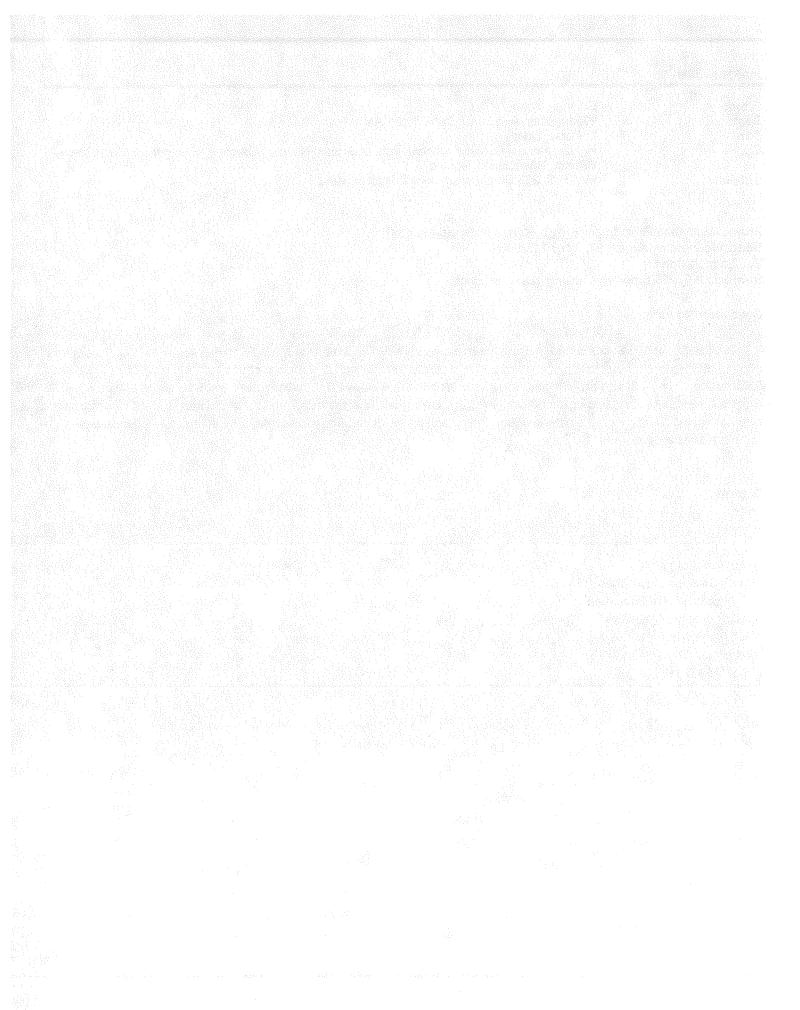
### Good morning John:

P.S. 265 located at 101 Park Avenue in Brooklyn had a visibly smoking ballast in room B3 earlier today 8/7. The room was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect/remove the fixture today. They will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. Wipe samples will be taken as well. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent when student return from summer recess. The school is currently undergoing a building wide lighting replacement. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards, Phil

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Tuesday, August 06, 2013 2:48 PM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Newton, Caroline; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 119 Queens smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, August 06, 2013 2:42 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 119 Queens smoking ballast incident

John,

P.S. 119 located at 74-01 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Queens had a visibly smoking ballast in the principal's office room 203 earlier today 8/6. The office was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will happen today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

Philip Napolitano

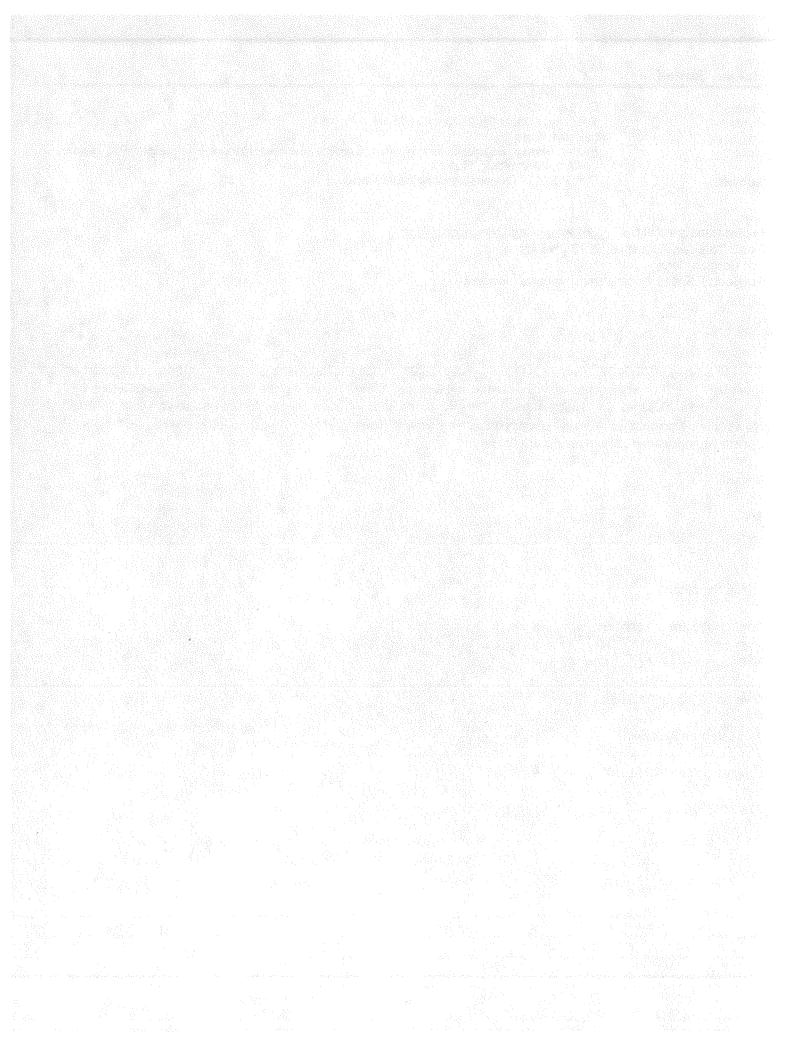
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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Monday, August 05, 2013 3:08 PM

To:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis

Subject:

FW: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 3:06 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

I am working on getting a list together. I will keep you posted.

From: Gorman, John [mailto:Gorman.John@epa.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 10:10 AM

To: Napolitano Philip

Subject: RE: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

Thanks. Do you have a list of other schools with PCB cabinets and do you plan to investigate them?



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From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 9:55 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

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John:

I wanted to give you a heads up on some findings at P.S. 32 Staten Island located at 32 Elverton Avenue. This is one of a few buildings built in the 1960's that have ballast cabinets in the hallways. These ballasts provide the power to the light fixtures in the classrooms. The custodian inspected the hallway cabinets and found leaking PCB ballasts in cabinets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2nd floors for a total of 3 cabinets. We are currently developing a plan of attack for ballast removal, cleaning, and testing. The school is closed for the summer. The cabinets may require cleaning, so I will keep you posted on any wipe sampling results. Here are some of the details:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> floor cabinet outside room 239: 6 leaking PCB ballasts, all are Universal 806 BR. No manufacture date

  3 Intact PCB ballasts, all are Magnetek 806-SLH-TC-P. No manufacture date
- 3<sup>rd</sup> floor cabinet outside room 310: 6 leaking PCB ballasts, all are Universal 806 BR. No manufacture date 3 Intact PCB ballasts, all are Magnetek 806-SLH-TC-P. No manufacture date
- 3<sup>rd</sup> floor cabinet outside room 308: 4 leaking PCB ballasts, all are Universal 806 BR. No manufacture date 2 intact PCB ballasts, Universal 806 BR. No manufacture date 2 Intact PCB ballasts, Magnetek 806-SLH-TC-P. No manufacture date 1 leaking NON PCB ballast.

Regards, Phil

From: Gorman, John

**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 11:39 AM

To: LaPosta, Dore

Cc: Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Newton, Caroline; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject: FW: Westinghouse H.S. K580 in Brooklyn leaking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 11:15 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: Westinghouse H.S. K580 in Brooklyn leaking ballast incident

John:

Westinghouse H.S. located at 105 Johnson Street in Brooklyn had a leaking ballast in an office room 142 this morning 8/05. The room was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect and remove the fixture. There is a drop of fluid on a floor tile below the fixture. The impacted floor will be cleaned and wipe tested. The contractor will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards, Phil

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Monday, August 05, 2013 10:59 AM

To: Cc: Haklar, James Schulz, Susan

Subject:

RE: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

Yes, but if Phil gives us a list of other schools with cabinets and they don't plan to investigate them right away, it might be better to inspect the other schools.

From: Haklar, James

Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 10:52 AM

**To:** Gorman, John **Cc:** Schulz, Susan

Subject: RE: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

I've never heard of such cabinets. Can I go visit and count it as one of my summertime oversight inspections?

From: Gorman, John

Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 10:09 AM

To: LaPosta, Dore

Cc: Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Newton, Caroline; Molnar, William; Wienckoski,

Ronald

Subject: FW: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 9:55 AM

To: Gorman, John

**Subject:** P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

John:

I wanted to give you a heads up on some findings at P.S. 32 Staten Island located at 32 Elverton Avenue. This is one of a few buildings built in the 1960's that have ballast cabinets in the hallways. These ballasts provide the power to the light fixtures in the classrooms. The custodian inspected the hallway cabinets and found leaking PCB ballasts in cabinets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2nd floors for a total of 3 cabinets. We are currently developing a plan of attack for ballast removal, cleaning, and testing. The school is closed for the summer. The cabinets may require cleaning, so I will keep you posted on any wipe sampling results. Here are some of the details:

2<sup>nd</sup> floor cabinet outside room 239: 6 leaking PCB ballasts, all are Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date

3 Intact PCB ballasts, all are Magnetek 806-SLH-TC-P. No manufacture date

3<sup>rd</sup> floor cabinet outside room 310: 6 leaking PCB ballasts, all are Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date

3 Intact PCB ballasts, all are Magnetek 806-SLH-TC-P. No manufacture date

3<sup>rd</sup> floor cabinet outside room 308: 4 leaking PCB ballasts, all are Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date

2 intact PCB ballasts, Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date

2 Intact PCB ballasts, Magnetek 806-SLH-TC-P. No manufacture date

1 leaking NON PCB ballast.

Regards,

From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Monday, August 05, 2013 10:33 AM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Newton, Caroline; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 825 Staten Island leaking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 10:22 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 825 Staten Island leaking ballast incident

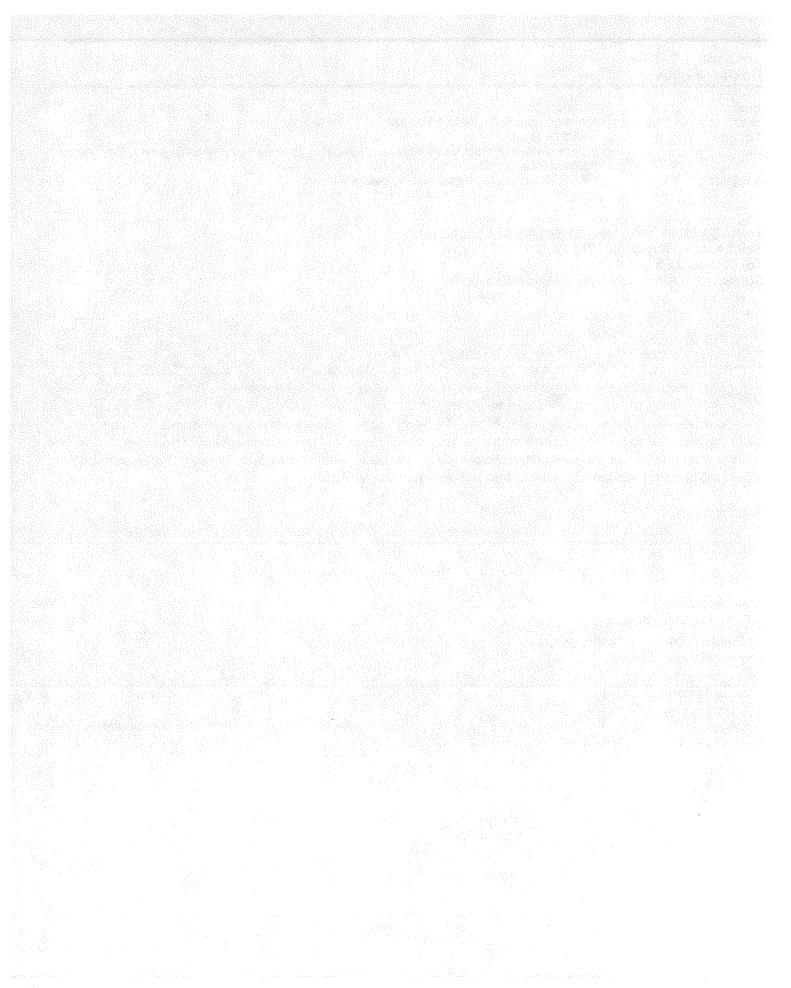
John:

P.S. 825 located at 6581 Hylan Boulevard in Staten Island had a leaking ballast this morning 8/5 in classroom 119. The room was unoccupied at the time it was discovered, it was immediately secured. It appears there is a drop on the floor below the fixture. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. The windows in the room are fixed closed. The room has an exhaust system that vents out through the roof. The fixture will be removed and our environmental contractor will clean any impacted tiles, once it is completed wipe samples will be taken. The environmental contractor will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards,

Phil

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From: Gorman, John

Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 10:10 AM

To: Napolitano Philip

Subject: RE: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

Thanks. Do you have a list of other schools with PCB cabinets and do you plan to investigate them?



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From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 9:55 AM

To: Gorman, John

**Subject:** P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

John:

I wanted to give you a heads up on some findings at P.S. 32 Staten Island located at 32 Elverton Avenue. This is one of a few buildings built in the 1960's that have ballast cabinets in the hallways. These ballasts provide the power to the light fixtures in the classrooms. The custodian inspected the hallway cabinets and found leaking PCB ballasts in cabinets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2nd floors for a total of 3 cabinets. We are currently developing a plan of attack for ballast removal, cleaning, and testing. The school is closed for the summer. The cabinets may require cleaning, so I will keep you posted on any wipe sampling results. Here are some of the details:

2<sup>nd</sup> floor cabinet outside room 239: 6 leaking PCB ballasts, all are Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date

3 Intact PCB ballasts, all are Magnetek 806-SLH-TC-P. No manufacture date

3<sup>rd</sup> floor cabinet outside room 310: 6 leaking PCB ballasts, all are Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date

3 Intact PCB ballasts, all are Magnetek 806-SLH-TC-P. No manufacture date

3<sup>rd</sup> floor cabinet outside room 308: 4 leaking PCB ballasts, all are Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date
2 intact PCB ballasts, Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date
2 Intact PCB ballasts, Magnetek 806-SLH-TC-P. No manufacture date
1 leaking NON PCB ballast.

Regards, Phil

From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Monday, August 05, 2013 10:09 AM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Newton, Caroline; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 9:55 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

John:

I wanted to give you a heads up on some findings at P.S. 32 Staten Island located at 32 Elverton Avenue. This is one of a few buildings built in the 1960's that have ballast cabinets in the hallways. These ballasts provide the power to the light fixtures in the classrooms. The custodian inspected the hallway cabinets and found leaking PCB ballasts in cabinets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2nd floors for a total of 3 cabinets. We are currently developing a plan of attack for ballast removal, cleaning, and testing. The school is closed for the summer. The cabinets may require cleaning, so I will keep you posted on any wipe sampling results. Here are some of the details:

2<sup>nd</sup> floor cabinet outside room 239: 6 leaking PCB ballasts, all are Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date

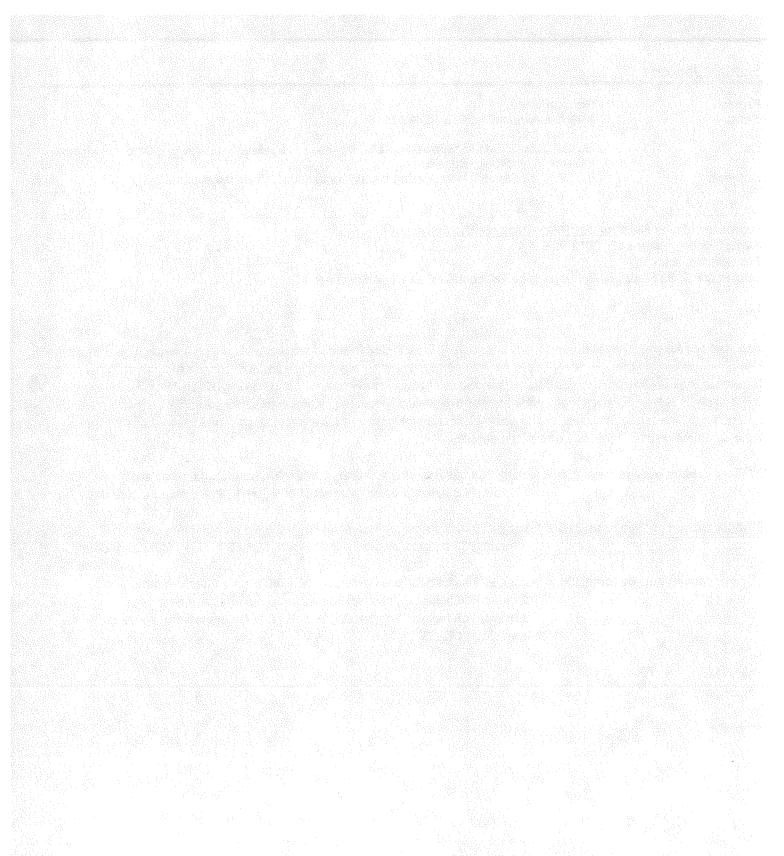
3 Intact PCB ballasts, all are Magnetek 806-SLH-TC-P. No manufacture date

3<sup>rd</sup> floor cabinet outside room 310: 6 leaking PCB ballasts, all are Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date

3 Intact PCB ballasts, all are Magnetek 806-SLH-TC-P. No manufacture date

3<sup>rd</sup> floor cabinet outside room 308: 4 leaking PCB ballasts, all are Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date
2 intact PCB ballasts, Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date
2 Intact PCB ballasts, Magnetek 806-SLH-TC-P. No manufacture date
1 leaking NON PCB ballast.

Regards, Phil



From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Monday, August 05, 2013 9:28 AM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Newton, Caroline; Evangelista, Pat; Santella, Dennis; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 150 Bronx smoking ballast incident

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Fourth reported ballast failure at P.S. 150 in the Bronx.

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 9:21 AM

To: Gorman, John

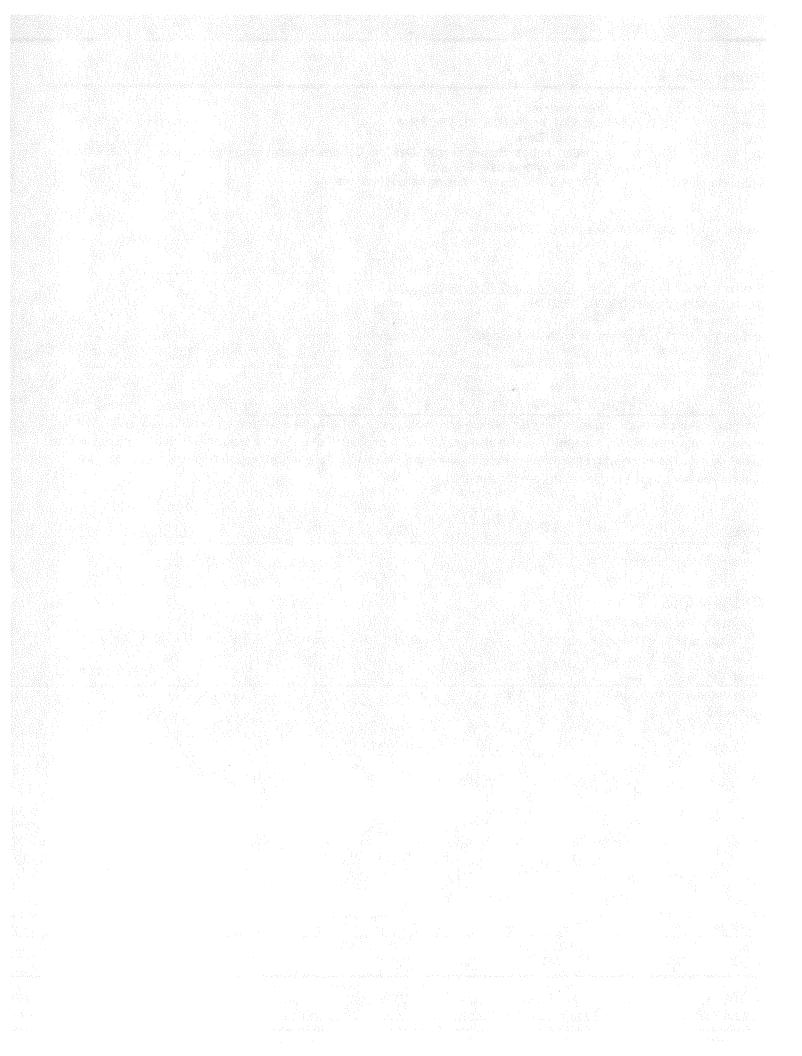
Subject: P.S. 150 Bronx smoking ballast incident

#### Good morning John:

P.S. 150 located at 920 East 167<sup>th</sup> Street in the Bronx had a visibly smoking ballast in classroom 305 on Friday 8/2. The room was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect/remove the fixture tonight. They will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. Wipe samples will be taken as well. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards, Phil

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Wednesday, July 31, 2013 5:12 PM

To: Subject: Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis Fw. P.S. 42 Bronx four smoking ballasts incidents

From: Napolitano Philip < PNapolitano 2@schools.nyc.gov >

Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2013 3:27:51 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 42 Bronx four smoking ballasts incidents

#### Good afternoon John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 3 fixtures were removed from room 106, they contained 1 intact PCB ballast, 1 leaking PCB ballast(smoke) and 1 NONPCB ballast with historical staining. 3 fixtures were removed from room 102, they contained 1 leaking PCB ballast(smoke), 2 NONPCB ballasts with historical staining. 3 fixtures were removed from room 209, they contained 2 leaking PCB ballasts (smoke), 1 NONPCB ballast with historical staining. 3 fixtures were removed from room 305, they contained 3 leaking PCB ballasts. Wipe samples were taken from the 4 rooms and have been returned. All sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm². One sample from the floor in room 305 was above the detection limit. Our environmental contractor will clean the area where the sample was taken and we will retest. Rooms 106, 102, 209 will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent once students return from summer recess. We ventilated each room with a pedestal fan and blower unit. I will update you on room 305 when the next set of results are returned.

Blowers (max rating 980 cfm) have been running for over 24 hours in each of the classrooms 9220 cuft(per room). I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend).  $700 \text{ cfm} \times 1440 \text{ minutes} / 9220 \text{ cuft} = 109 \text{ air changes}$ .

Smoking ballast info

Room 106: GE, no date, no thermal protection

Room 102: GE, no date, thermally protected

Room 209: GE, no date no thermal protection

Room 305: Ballast info was not legible

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2013 3:35 PM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 42 Bronx four smoking ballasts incidents

John,

P.S. 42 located at 1537 Washington Avenue in the Bronx had four visibly smoking ballasts recently. One fixture each in room's 106 and 305 on 7/26. One fixture each in room's 102 and 209 today 7/29. The rooms were immediately secured. Fans were put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will be completed today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit in each room. The rooms will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent when students return from summer recess. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

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Phil

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Tuesday, July 30, 2013 11:37 AM

To: Subject: Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis FW: P.S. 129 Manhattan leaking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2013 11:28 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 129 Manhattan leaking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 8 fixtures containing 8 leaking pcb ballasts were removed from classroom 229. Our environmental contractor cleaned the impacted floor tiles using Capsur. A total of six wipe samples (1 blank) were taken and have been returned. All sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm². The room will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blower (max rating 980 cfm) ran for 26 hours in the classroom that is 10,000 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 1560 minutes / 10,000 cuft = 109 air changes.

Smoking ballast info:

Westinghouse

No thermal protection

No manufacture date

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Friday, July 26, 2013 10:30 AM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 129 Manhattan leaking ballast incident

John,

P.S. 129 located at 425 West 130<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan had a leaking ballast in classroom 229 earlier today 7/26. The room was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Possible PCB fluid impacted several floor tiles. Fixture removal and cleaning will happen today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. The school is closed for the summer. Parent notification letters will be sent when students return from summer recess. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards,

Phil

Philip Napolitano

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Monday, July 29, 2013 6:50 PM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Newton, Caroline; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

Fw: P.S. 42 Bronx four smoking ballasts incidents

Four smoking ballasts at P.S. 42 in the Bronx in the past four days.

From: Napolitano Philip < PNapolitano 2@schools.nyc.gov>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2013 3:34:43 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 42 Bronx four smoking ballasts incidents

#### John,

P.S. 42 located at 1537 Washington Avenue in the Bronx had four visibly smoking ballasts recently. One fixture each in room's 106 and 305 on 7/26. One fixture each in room's 102 and 209 today 7/29. The rooms were immediately secured. Fans were put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will be completed today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit in each room. The rooms will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent when students return from summer recess. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

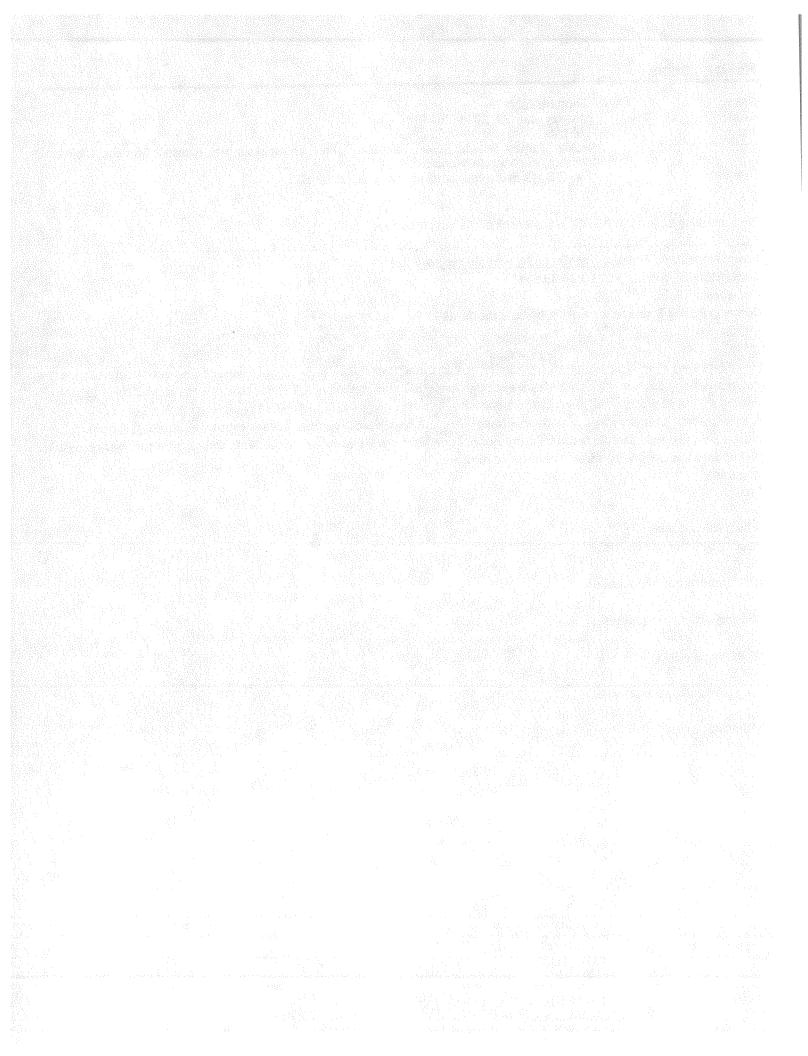
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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Monday, July 29, 2013 1:48 PM

To: Subject:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis FW: P.S. 146 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2013 1:39 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 146 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 1 fixture containing 1 leaking pcb ballast was removed from the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor hallway. Wipe samples were taken and have been returned. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. The hallway will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blowers (max rating 980 cfm) have been running for over 48 hours in the hallway that is 11,200 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 2880 minutes / 11,200 cuft = 180 air changes.

Smoking ballast info:

Advance

No thermal protection

No manufacture date

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Friday, July 26, 2013 10:17 AM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 146 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

Good morning John,

P.S. 146 located at 421 East 106th Street in Manhattan had a visibly smoking ballast in the 3rd floor hallway this morning 7/26. The hallway was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will be completed today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The affected portion of the hallway has been isolated and will remain closed pending wipe sample results. The school has a summer program. One room was relocated to the other side of the cross corridor doors. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Monday, July 29, 2013 1:46 PM

To: Subject:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis FW: PS 99 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2013 1:35 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: PS 99 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 3 fixtures containing 3 leaking pcb ballasts was removed from the library rm 263. Wipe samples were taken and have been returned. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. The library will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blowers (max rating 980 cfm) have been running for over 48 hours in the library that is 14,000 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend).  $700 \text{ cfm} \times 2880 \text{ minutes} / 14,000 \text{ cuft} = 144 \text{ air changes}.$ 

Most of the smoking ballast info was illegible due to smoke damage

It was thermally protected

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

**Sent:** Friday, July 26, 2013 2:00 PM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: PS 99 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

Good afternoon John,

P.S. 099 located at 410 East 100<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan had a visibly smoking ballast in the library (rm #263) earlier today 7/26. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will happen tonight or tomorrow morning. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Friday, July 26, 2013 3:27 PM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Newton, Caroline; Schulz, Susan; Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Molnar,

William: Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

Fw: PS 99 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

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Third ballast incident at P.S. 99 in Manhattan since April.

From: Napolitano Philip < PNapolitano 2@schools.nyc.gov>

Sent: Friday, July 26, 2013 2:00:20 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: PS 99 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

#### Good afternoon John,

P.S. 099 located at 410 East 100<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan had a visibly smoking ballast in the library (rm #263) earlier today 7/26. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will happen tonight or tomorrow morning. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards Phil

Philip Napolitano

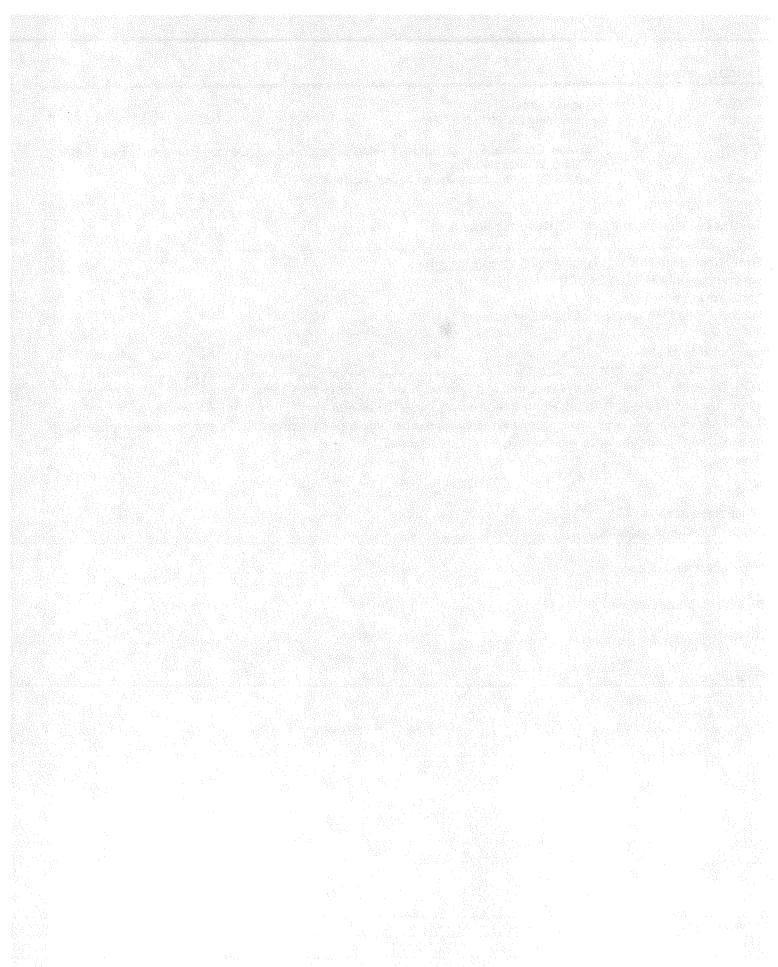
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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Friday, July 26, 2013 10:41 AM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Newton, Caroline; Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

Fw: P.S. 129 Manhattan leaking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip < PNapolitano 2@schools.nyc.gov>

Sent: Friday, July 26, 2013 10:30:16 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 129 Manhattan leaking ballast incident

#### John,

P.S. 129 located at 425 West 130<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan had a leaking ballast in classroom 229 earlier today 7/26. The room was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Possible PCB fluid impacted several floor tiles. Fixture removal and cleaning will happen today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. The school is closed for the summer. Parent notification letters will be sent when students return from summer recess. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards, Phil

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